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» CNMI has up to 2019 to build US worker pool to replace foreign workers

After months of uncertainty, multiple prodding, and false alarms, U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez finally granted yesterday the CNMI's request to extend up to Dec. 31, 2019, the transitional immigration program allowing some 10,000 foreign workers to continue working in the CNMI. The five-year extension, considered monumental news, will also give the CNMI more time to prepare its U.S. labor pool.

Perez made the announcement in letters to Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday, a little over a month before the law-imposed July 4 deadline to make a decision.

The governor and the delegate had urged Perez for a decision as early as last year to minimize uncertainties for businesses and workers, and to avoid stalling economic growth.

"This is certainly welcome news for the CNMI," the governor said. "This was a very concerning issue amidst fears that

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No-backup generators for most of 120 water wells

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Majority of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water wells on Saipan have no backup generators that would ensure continuous water service to customers in times of emergencies and disasters, according to executive director Alan W. Fletcher yesterday.

CUC, he said, has a total of 120 water wells, many of which do not have standby generators. He could not immediately say how many of these wells have backup generators.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan directed management yesterday to study the agency's water and wastewater system to gauge CUC's present capability in ensuring reliable service to customers even in times of most immediate need.

"Do we have backup generators in all our water wells? The answer is no. For some wells, yes we have. But with 120 wells, it's pretty difficult [to provide them all with generators]," Fletcher told the board.

Fletcher said this deficiency is due to CUC's lack of funds, specifically for

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CHC's Muña, CUC's Sablan face off

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair David J. Sablan took the witness stand yesterday as the legal battle between the two agencies continues in Superior Court.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, counsel for CHCC, presented Muña as a witness to support CHCC's motion for preliminary injunction that seeks to prohibit CUC from disconnecting electric, water, and sewer services to the Commonwealth Center Center, which CHCC runs.

James Sirok, legal counsel for CUC, called Sablan to the witness stand to support CUC's opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom late afternoon, Sirok had just called CUC's next witness, Dan Jackson, who is CUC's rate consultant from economist.com.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman presides over the hearing. Last week, Wiseman granted CHCC's request to issue a temporary restraining order against CUC.

In granting the TRO, Wiseman said the hospital would suffer immediate and irreparable harm should CUC disconnect any of its utility services as CHC would become unable to provide critical healthcare and public health services.

CUC has threatened to disconnect unspecified utility services to the hospital due to CHCC's outstanding utility bills.

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'OLD MAN' WITH THE TRASH HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A man walks past the famous Old Man by the Sea rock formation that resembles the head of an old man in Kagman. Despite cleanup efforts by volunteer citizens, the Old Man by the Sea Beach remains littered with garbage that greet hikers and tourists alike.

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Che to keynote MCS' graduation ceremony

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AlumKnight Jaqueline P. Che has been selected as this year's keynote speaker in the upcoming commencement rites at Mount Carmel School.

Che

Che, now the Northern Marianas College director for Institutional Effectiveness, will address the graduating class tomorrow night at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

The graduating seniors nominated Che to be their commencement speaker, to which school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero immediately agreed.

"Ms. Che has done so much for her alma mater, the education community, and the community as a whole. It will be an honor for her to address our graduates," Deleon Guerrero said.

Che graduated from MCS in 2005 where she was bestowed the Governor's Leadership Award. She earned her bachelor's degree in History and Anthropology from the University of San Diego, where she was admitted into the university's graduate school for Higher Education Leadership, one of the most selective schools of its kind in the nation.

She earned her master's degree in Assessment, Student Affairs, and Higher Education Policy in 2011 and returned to the CNMI to serve as the Scholarship Office administrator before moving to her current post at NMC.

She is currently pursuing a certification through the American Grant Writer's Association and was recently admitted into the Western Association of School and Colleges Assessment Leadership Academy.

Woman in fake marriage case gets 2 years probation

The federal court has slapped a two-year probation sentence against a woman who was convicted in a fake marriage case.

At a hearing Tuesday afternoon, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Xiaoying Tang to report to an immigration official for removal proceedings the next day, Wednesday, at 10am.

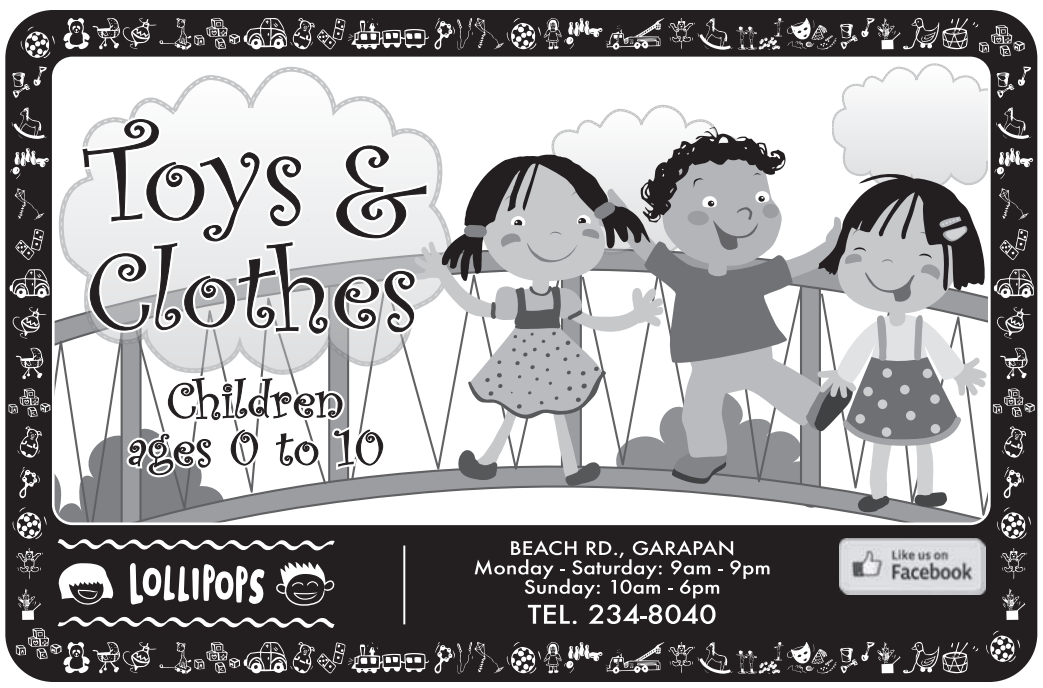
Tang earlier asked the court to sentence her as early as possible because she wants to return to China due to her father's illness and her recent discovery that she is pregnant.

Attorney Joseph Horey, court-appointed counsel for Tang, recommended a sentence of one year probation and that she be ordered to surrender to U.S. Immigration for deportation so that she may return to her family.

Horey said Tang wants to go back to China as soon as possible because her father has lung cancer and she recently discovered she's pregnant and due to deliver in December 2014.

Last January, a federal jury found Tang guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States, visa fraud, and false statement.

The indictment charged Tang and Jesse Juan Teigita Dowai with conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S., visa fraud, and false statement for entering into a sham marriage. Dowai pleaded guilty to the conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



MVA: CNMI April visitor arrivals nearly flat

April 2014 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were essentially the same as April 2013. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota totaled 32,035 in April 2014, 1 percent lower than the 32,521 visitors received in April 2013.

Arrivals from Japan fell 26 percent versus 2013 to 6,962 visitors. This was driven by a 34.2-percent decline in air seat supply from Narita, which impacted the Japanese market heavily. Delta Air Lines temporarily suspended two night-flights per week from Narita, and with a reduction in charter volume, air seats in April from Japan fell from 13,568 seats in 2013 to just 8,925 seats in 2014. Japan continues to suffer from an airlift crisis, and urgently needs the entry of a low-cost carrier into the market as seen in the past 12 months in both the Korea and China markets. Weakness in April was also attributed to consumer sentiment toward the hike of Japan consumption tax from 5 percent to 8 percent effective April 1.

Arrivals from Korea dipped for the first time this fiscal year, registering 3 percent lower in April at 9,339 visitors. Many major Korean travel agents have struggled in the second half of April with a large number of cancelled or delayed tours to the CNMI in light of the ferry disaster on April 18. These cancellations have brought the country's tourism industry to a grinding halt. According to major travel agents, about 50 percent of group travel package reservations from Korea to destinations worldwide were canceled after the incident. Industry insiders said the effects of the ferry disaster will last until June, when the social mood is expected to change after the regional election and the World Cup. Dynamic Airways also temporarily suspended flights from Seoul to Saipan beginning March 1 and operated only select flights during Korean Golden Week on April 30, May 2 and May 3. Dynamic Airways has not yet decided if their Seoul flights will be relaunched or if new flights will be launched from Busan, instead.

Meanwhile, arrivals from China grew 16 percent to 11,995 visitors, making China the largest source market for the CNMI in April. Century Tours suspended Dynamic flights from Hangzhou and Tianjin in March, but additional lift is projected to come online from Hong Kong to Saipan in May. Century Tours also plans to launch an additional two flights from Beijing to Saipan starting May 1, generating four flights a week from Beijing operated by China Eastern Airlines. The MVA is working with Century Tours to support this growth in flights out of the China market to the CNMI during the coming months.

Arrivals from Russia jumped 74 percent to 1,664 visitors in April, making Russia the top-performing market so far this fiscal year, with 40 percent growth compared to the same period in fiscal year 2013. With the Ukraine crisis driving an unstable political situation and overall economic slowdown in Russia, the MVA has been working actively with Aviacharter and Asiana Airlines to maintain stable demand for tours to the NMI.

Economic highlights

In April, the Japan Cabinet Office`s economic report stated that the Japanese economy is on a "moderate" recovery trend, citing that business investment, corporate profits, and the employment situation are all improving and consumer prices are rising moderately. The yen hovered around 103 to the U.S. dollar.

The Korea Stock Price Index fell to 1,920 on March 20. The index was negatively affected by worries about an economic slowdown in China and growing risks related to the Ukraine before rebounding, largely thanks to the expected influence of the economic stimulus measures in China and the ECB. The won/dollar exchange rate fell 38.65 over the past month to be closed at 1,030.18 won per dollar, its lowest level since the 2008 global financial crisis. ***(MVA)***

Defendant in CW1 scam gets 6-month prison term

The federal court has imposed a six-month prison term on Mariano K. Pangelinan, a job-placement agency owner who pleaded guilty to charges that he conspired with two of his then-employees in filing petitions for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Permits, or CW1, for some aliens that fraudulently named the company as the workers' employer.

At a hearing on Tuesday afternoon, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said Pangelinan will be placed on a one-year supervised release after his six-month prison term.

Pangelinan, 71, was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service and pay a $100 special assessment fee. The judge waived any fine due to Pangelinan's inability to pay.

Manglona ordered Pangelinan to contact the U.S. Marshal's Office so he would know when he could start serving his sentence.

Attorney David Banes served as court-appointed counsel for Pangelinan. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton appeared for the U.S. government.

The indictment charged Pangelinan, Rosabella P. Cruz, and Helen N. Aparente with one count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S. government.

In addition, Pangelinan was charged with 17 counts of visa fraud, Cruz with 13 counts of visa fraud, and one count of false statement, and Aparente with four counts of visa fraud.

Pangelinan pleaded guilty in December to a count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the United States as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dropped.

Pangelinan was the alleged primary corporate officer of ARCH International Co. Ltd., which held itself out as a job-placement agency that could help aliens in need of CW1 permits find employment and obtain CW1 permits.

Cruz and Aparente were alleged employees of ARCH.

According to the indictment, Pangelinan, Cruz, and Aparente conspired from July 2011 through July 2013 to defraud U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services by submitting fake employment contracts for 17 alien workers.

Aparente had fled to the Philippines. Last March, Cruz pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the United States. She will be sentenced on July 25, 2014. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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infrastructure and capital improvement activities.

He said a plan to provide generators for all water wells is included in CUC's master project plan but would require millions of dollars to realize.

For the agency to address its many problems, Sablan said that options should be seriously explored, including loan opportunities applicable to utilities. He said CUC cannot fund everything using collection from customers alone. He presented the idea of possibly borrowing capital for this project but emphasized the need to clean up CUC's balance sheets in order to be deemed credit-worthy.

Fletcher, recognizing the work of outgoing CFO Charles Warren, who initiated the much-needed cleanup of CUC books, was receptive to Sablan's idea and how this would address the long delayed capital improvement projects for CUC.

When asked how CUC responds to emergency water situations, given the lack of backup generators for water facilities, Fletcher said that when an emergency knocks out the power system, CUC strategically places backup generators in larger wells that have higher capacity for production and can supply major reservoir feeds.

Fletcher also disclosed that CUC has opted not to install backup generators in some small water wells because of their "very low production."

CHC

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Lochabay said they don't deny that CHC owes CUC a big amount but the hospital would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if CUC disconnects any of its utility services. He cited, among other things, that if disconnected of power, the doctor service in the hospital will be disrupted.

Sirok said the court has no jurisdiction over CHCC's complaint because administrative remedies have not been exhausted; that CUC has a legislative mandate to disconnect; and that CHCC has the opportunity to do something about the arrears other than going to court.

Citing laws and regulations, Sirok said all customers with past due bills are subject to disconnection of utility services.

When called to the witness stand, Muña testified about, among other things, CHCC's budget, cash flow report, and personnel costs. She explained the impact on CHCC's public and administrative services if electric services are turned off.

Muña admitted that, lacking a sufficient budget, CHCC paid only about 28 percent of its utility billings in 2013 and 22 percent so far in 2014.

Muña said CHCC came up with a payment plan but that, in a meeting with Sablan, he was yelling and telling them what to do.

Sirok mentioned that Sablan gave Muña three months to come up with a realistic payment plan and that he indicated that it is not a total disconnection of utility services to CHCC, to which Muña said, "Yes."

Muña said CHCC is going to pay its bills and in fact they actually offered an amount that, in their opinion, was appropriate based on their cash flow and more than they consume in a month.

It was reported that CHCC offered to pay $325,000 for its monthly utility consumption, but CUC rejected it as CHCC's average consumption is about $540,000 a month.

Muña said their generator is only for emergency purposes. She also cited that they are implementing a "power watch," checking the air-conditioning systems, and applying for grants to have more energy efficient equipment.

Sablan testified that he gave CHCC a conservation plan, which needs input from CHCC. He said it is up to the hospital to decide what conservation measures to implement if they want to avoid being disconnected.

"We're not inhumane. We have to help them conserve. That's what I advised Muña and two board members," he said.

Sablan said he has not seen in writing CHCC's conservation measures.

He said there is no CUC policy that provides free utility services to customers, including CHCC.

In December 2013, CUC filed a lawsuit against CHCC to collect utility services in the amount of $9,690,875, together with pre-judgment interest. It was last reported that the hospital owes CUC $11 million in past due accounts.

CW

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a decision to the contrary would have severely hurt our fragile island economy. Many businesses were holding back from any long-term strategies and CW workers were uncertain about the future of their employment status."

Besides bringing tremendous relief to the CNMI economy, the extension of the "Commonwealth-only worker" or CW program is also about keeping families with U.S. citizens together.

"We don't have to live apart from each other. My parents—CW workers—won't have to go back to the Philippines, together with my 10-year-old sister, after Dec. 31. I'm so happy to hear about this news," Jennycka Bery, 18, told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa yesterday.

Bery, a Northern Marianas College student, also has a 19-year-old brother now serving in the U.S. Marine Corps who could soon be deployed to Asian countries.

"The additional years would also give more time for my parents to be petitioned for immediate relative status," Bery added.

Her parents met on Saipan. Her father came here in 1989, while her mother, a year later.

John Limes, 53, said he can't imagine the CNMI without foreign workers after 2014 so he's glad that the CW program is extended by five years.

"For me, five years is okay. These foreign workers are doing their job, they are helping the CNMI," the Kagman resident said in an interview also at the post office.

Luis Cagamba, a licensed civil engineer in the Philippines and now a production supervisor in the CNMI, said with all the ongoing and planned road and building constructions, the islands cannot afford to lose valuable foreign workers.

"The CNMI still needs CWs. How else would you start or finish construction projects? Who else would do a lot of the jobs that require special skills and training? But maybe if the foreign workers are gone, those originally from here will be forced to do all the jobs—from designing projects to mixing and pouring cement," he said.

Yearly updates

Sablan, in a statement, said it was obviously "not an easy decision" for the U.S. Labor secretary.

"It took more time than I wanted," the delegate said. Sablan is nevertheless thankful for Perez's decision to grant the extension.

There were worries that the extension, if granted, would be for less than five years.

The U.S. Labor secretary's decision means the phase out of the current foreign worker program in the CNMI will end in 2019, rather than this year.

Perez, in his letter, justified his decision saying it would "enable CNMI's legitimate businesses to meet their current and near-term future workforce needs."

Perez also asked the CNMI to provide yearly updates, starting in April 2015, "documenting your good faith efforts to locate, educate, train or otherwise prepare U.S. citizens and other lawful permanent residents for jobs."

Perez's decision is expected to be in the *Federal Register* in the next few days.

A 38-year-old Kagman resident said the CNMI "definitely" still needs foreign workers for its economy.

"But please don't put my name. This is a sensitive issue. I am a local but other locals who don't agree with what I said about CWs, they would talk bad about me," he said as he was leaving the post office.

US worker pool

Hours after receiving yesterday's letter from the U.S. Labor secretary, the governor met with CNMI Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero and Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar "to begin efforts to prepare and establish a viable resident workforce ahead of the 2019 expiration," press secretary Angel Demapan said.

Inos said he will take "all necessary steps to effectively train and prepare U.S. citizens and other lawful permanent residents to meet the workforce needs of legitimate businesses in the CNMI."

"This may be our only chance. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass us by; we need to train our residents and get them back into the workforce," he said.

This is also an opportunity for the CNMI to establish "the best and most viable resident workforce in the Pacific," Inos said.

Sablan said the CNMI has to use the extra five years for the CNMI's economic recovery "and redouble efforts to replace foreign workers with U.S. workers."

At least 2,600 new guest rooms in two separate hotels and one integrated casino resort are expected to be built within the next few years, among the first major construction developments in over a decade that require thousands of U.S. and foreign workers.

Jesus Ilo Taisague, of the Democratic Party, said "whether one agrees or disagrees" with the five-year extension, it is a "federal jurisdiction in which only the feds can decide whether to grant or not to grant."

"The decision came as a relief and gave peace of mind to many CWs in the CNMI. It now behooves the CNMI to proactively train U.S. citizens to take over jobs being occupied by CWs because I'm most certain the feds will not grant another extension," Taisague said.

Alex Sablan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said the extension is "good news for the many workers and businesses that have been concerned about their jobs and ensuring we have a sufficient workforce in the CNMI."

"I applaud Governor Inos and Congressman Kilili for their persistent lobbying and echo both their efforts to ensure the CNMI has realistic goals set with only $1.4 million in training dollars that will provide measurable deliverables with regard to workforce development of our U.S. citizen populace," he said, when sought for comment.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Tourism Committee, said Perez's announcement is a "long-awaited response that we want to hear," but he said five years is short so businesses should plan ahead.

"We must now plan and develop our workforce and should we get another extension, it will be a bonus for the business community. My goal now is to give support to institutions like [Northern Marianas Technical Institute], [Northern Marianas College] and [Workforce Investment Agency] to train and prepare our workforce," he said.

Legislative fix

The U.S. Labor secretary's request for the CNMI to provide yearly updates jobs mirrors language in Sablan's bills, H.R. 2200, and its Senate counterpart, S. 1237.

Both bills require the CNMI to be more accountable for the use of an annual $150 fee paid by employers for each non-U.S. transitional worker they hire.

The funds are required to be used for training replacement U.S. workers.

In fiscal year 2013, the CNMI received $1.4 million in fees, which it distributed to local education institutions.

H.R. 2200 and S. 1237 call for the CNMI to provide a plan of use for these training funds before the fees are handed over by U.S. immigration authorities.

Sablan said the plan must include a projection of the number of U.S. workers that will be employed as a result of the spending.

H.R. 2200 requires the U.S. Government Accountability Office to report to Congress every two years with an assessment of the effectiveness of the training.

But S. 1237, which has been amended by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and is currently on the agenda for approval by the full Senate, shifts responsibility for overseeing the use of the training funds to the Labor secretary.

"The Labor Department technical staff has already become very involved in analyzing workforce needs in the Northern Marianas in order to advise the Secretary on whether to extend the transition period," Sablan said.

He said it makes sense to "build on that new expertise and get the Labor Department even more involved in tracking the transition to an all-U.S. workforce over the next five years."

"I also want to see the department actively engaged in assisting the Commonwealth, using the experience and resources that Labor has in the areas of vocational training," he added.

The bills do not allow any more extension of the CW program beyond 2019.

Sablan's bills also extend the E2-C investor visa program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, exempt the CNMI and Guam from the H visa caps, and extend beyond Jan. 1, 2015 the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications.

H visas, improved status

Sablan said five years may seem like a long time but "it will not be easy to whittle away the remaining 10,000 foreign employees in the Northern Marianas."

"Many have specialized skills and decades of experience in their fields and with their current employers. And with the economy growing the demand for labor will increase. The Commonwealth government, local businesses, and U.S. workers who are looking for jobs all have their work cut out for them in the five years ahead," he said.

Foreign workers do not necessarily have to exit the CNMI after the CW program expires, if they qualify for an H visa, for example, that their employer would have to apply for them.

Enoch Sungsoo Lim, director and general manager for H.S. Lee Construction Co. Inc., said the company would want to upgrade the status of its CW employees who are qualified for H-type visas. He said they have more than 20 CW employees.

"We are willing to apply for H visa for those who are qualified," said Lim in an interview also outside the post office in Chalan Kanoa yesterday.

Lim hopes that other employers in the CNMI will also start applying for H visas for their qualified employees long before the CW program expires in 2019.

H.S. Lee Construction is currently proposing to build a three-story hotel with 36 rooms and commercial spaces in Garapan. Lim said without foreign workers and without the CW program extension, construction projects such as hotels are not likely to be completed.

For businessman Bong Malasarte, a former president of the United Filipino Organization, the CW extension gives his compatriots and other foreign workers more time to plan their future and pursue their goals.

"In business, most of the employers will have enough time to adjust their business now that CWs will still last for five years," he said. Moreover, he said, the CNMI is guaranteed five more years of service from the foreign worker community.

Foreign workers under the CW program work in virtually all aspects of the CNMI economy and community, among them nurses, teachers, certified public accountants, engineers, architects, programmers, construction workers, technicians, mechanics, journalists, graphic artists, caregivers, hotel and restaurant workers, and farmers, among other things.

Elmer Barrogo, 57, said five years will give him more time to support his son's education. His son will be in college this June, pursuing marine engineering. Because it would be a trimester, his son will earn his degree in four years.

"Once the CW programs ends in 2019, I think my family would be fine. But if the U.S. government grants improved status like green card to those who have been in the CNMI for a long time legally, then I would be so thankful," he added, as he hauled mail and packages from the post office yesterday. Barrogo has been working in the CNMI since 1991.

IN CHANGING DURATION OF LEAC FROM SIX MONTHS TO MONTHLY

CUC sees 5 percent potential drop in power rates

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Power customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. may see a reduction in their electric bills if the existing calculation of the levelized energy adjustment clause, or LEAC, is changed from every six months to monthly.

During a break in yesterday's board meeting, CUC executive director Alan W. Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that he estimates the potential reduction at about 5 percent for all CUC customers.

This, he said, is based on the 5 percent that CUC allotted for the volatility element in the current calculation of the LEAC rate. That volatility element will be removed once the regulatory commission approves changing the LEAC duration to every month.

Based on the testimony of CUC's consultant, economists.com managing director Robert Young, the price CUC pays for fuel is based on the average Mean of Platt's Singapore, or MOPS price for the prior month, plus transportation handling costs, taxes, and other costs invoiced by the supplier. Each month, the CUC receives notice that the price of fuel will go up or down based on the prior month's MOPS.

Because the LEAC is fixed for six months and CUC has minimal financial reserves and cannot borrow funds or hedge the fuel price risk, the LEAC includes a volatility element of about 5 percent, or about 1.3 cents per kWh which increases the LEAC to provide extra cash to CUC to cover unexpected increases in the price of fuel.

Also part of the LEAC is a true-up or reconciliation element to reflect any over or under collection from the prior six months.

"It is possible that we will lower the LEAC rate if we do it monthly. And that's the petition we're going now. As the market swings, this will allow us to remove the volatility element inserted in today's LEAC and that's 5 percent," said Fletcher.

He said CUC is trying to bring down the rates in any way it can without jeopardizing service and liability at the same time—an approach he describes as a "balancing act."

"We did that in the past [going monthly]. Since CUC doesn't have a reserve level for large market swings, we need to have that volatility element," he said.

CUC legal counsel Deborah Fisher and chief financial officer Charles Warren formally asked the Commonwealth Public Utility Commission to revise the current LEAC calculation at the evidentiary hearing on Wednesday.

It was in 2011 when the then-CPUC ordered that the LEAC be calculated every six months. That order, however, gave CUC interim authority to adjust the LEAC rate "if necessary" if fuel price increases exceed 4.5 percent.

CUC has asked CPUC to extend this "interim authority" until such time that the commission decides on CUC's latest petition on the LEAC model revision. Based on the standing order on LEAC, the rate will be recalculated probably in the next 60 to 90-days.

"It's important that we are able to modify if pricing changes substantially. We haven't had any adjustments since Jan. 7 and we want to have that continued flexibility," said Warren, adding that without the monthly duration for LEAC, there's no way for CUC to file an emergency rate petition if it deems it necessary to adjust the LEAC.

Also formally endorsed for CPUC adoption is the request to rename the LEAC to "fuel charge" in response to complaints in the community that are often confused over what LEAC is all about.

Hospital resumes in-house routine microbiology tests

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The public hospital's laboratory director, Dr. Philip Dauterman, informed the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. management and medical staff that the Commonwealth Health Center has resumed all in-house routine microbiology testing.

At least eight tests no longer need to be sent to Hawaii following progress made at the department.

In a memorandum dated May 27, Dauterman said that blood culture, CSF culture, ear/eye culture, sputum/endotrachel/throat/nasapharyngeal culture, urine, wound, body fluids, and stool culture will all be conducted at the public hospital.

"CHC is pleased to announce that it has resumed all routine microbiology testing in-house. We no longer need to send these tests to Hawaii as these tests can now be on-site here at CHC," stated Dauterman's memo on Tuesday.

He said this will allow for faster identification and reporting of infectious organisms and better selection of antibiotics for treatment of patients with infections.

With this development, only three tests need to be sent off-island: TB culture, fungus culture, and anaerobic culture.

"I would like to thank the lab staff for the extensive time and work involved in quality control of the microbiology plates and testing equipment needed to reinstitute this testing on-site at CHC. This is a job well done," Dauterman said.

Corporation CEO Esther L. Muña described this latest news as another significant progress at the hospital.

"Bringing these tests to CHC is just another significant beneficial service we wanted to provide our patients and improve health care. This is a commitment we made together with Dr. Dauterman, our lab director, his lab team, and Mr. Jesse Tudela, our hospital administrator," she told Saipan Tribune.

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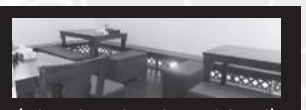
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CNMI Supreme Court to hear Calvo's appeal on Tuesday

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With the CNMI Board of Parole recently denying his application for parole, convicted child molester Patrick Mendiola Calvo and his counsel are going to the CNMI Supreme Court next week to challenge his conviction and eight-year prison sentence.

The CNMI Supreme Court set a hearing on Calvo's appeal for Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 10am.

Supreme Court clerk Deanna M. Ogo, in a notice of argument issued Wednesday, said each side of the parties is allotted 25 minutes to present their arguments unless the time is shortened or enlarged by the court. Ogo said a motion to postpone or allow a longer argument may be made in advance of the scheduled hearing date.

A Superior Court jury found Calvo guilty in September 2009 of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl the year before.

On May 27, 2010, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced the then 47-year-old Calvo to eight years in prison.

Last May 14, the CNMI Board of Parole heard Calvo's application for parole. The following day, the board denied the petition, saying that Calvo's release is not compatible with public safety and security. The board also ruled that Calvo's early release would belittle the seriousness of his crime and promote disrespect for the law.

Based on court records, the 51-year-old Calvo actually wants a new jury trial.

Court records show that in Jan. 8, 2014, Calvo, through counsel George Anthony Long, filed the appeal in the CNMI Supreme Court. On May 2, 2014, the government, through assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, filed a response.

In Calvo's appeal, Long asserted, among other things, that prosecutorial misconduct during cross-examination of his client warrants a new jury trial.

In the government's response, assistant attorney general Teresita Sablan asserted, among other things, that the high court should affirm the judgment on all counts, and remand for resentencing for the limited purpose of imposing the seven-year probation term as part of a suspended period of incarceration or fine.

The government lawyer said Calvo's term of imprisonment of eight years and term of probation of seven years did not exceed the statutory maximums.

Google to start mapping Saipan roads next week

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Google Maps has finished mapping and "Street Views" photography on Rota and Tinian and will be doing all roads on Saipan next week.

According to information shared by Marianas Visitors Authority, indoor mapping has already been done in all major hotels and shopping centers on Saipan.

The mapping and "Street Views" photography of Saipan roads was put off to next week as the Google crew is still waiting for equipment that's coming in from off-island.

For the moment, the Google crew is filming some of the tourist destinations sites on Saipan, including beaches, MVA said.

According to MVA, two film crews from Japan are currently on Saipan.

Hotels and shopping centers already done

MVA's community projects manager Martin Duenas said the Street Views would feature 3-D panoramic views of the streets of Saipan.

"It's going to be good if you search up the islands and view the streets, you can look from a [street level] position," Duenas told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to MVA, once the crew is done on Saipan, the mapping will then move on to the Micronesian region.

MVA said that Google Earth is also focusing on Guam.

In an earlier statement, MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman said this is "our opportunity to put our best foot forward."

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Grant funds available for advanced communications tech in rural areas

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for grants to enhance telecommunications and broadcast services in rural areas.

"This funding will help small, rural communities across the country gain access to communications technologies to improve health, education and other services," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack Thursday last week. "It will help open doors to the global marketplace. It will deliver specialized medical care and educational services. It will ensure that public television stations can fully convert to digital signals and transmit public safety, health, educational and cultural programming in isolated areas."

The funding is available from the Community Connect Grant Program, the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, and the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

Through the Community Connect Grant Program, USDA plans to provide up to $13 million to fund broadband in unserved areas to support economic growth and deliver enhanced educational, health care and public safety services. Awardees must serve an area where broadband does not exist, provide a community center with broadband access, and offer broadband service to all residential and business customers. Details are on page 29405 of today's *Federal Register*.

USDA has had many successes through this program. Since it was created in 2003, USDA has approved more than $142 million in more than 240 Community Connect projects to bring broadband service to rural communities that lacked it.

For example, Rural Development awarded @Link Services, LLC a $544,164 Community Connect Grant to provide broadband services to Lima, Okla. Many institutions there have benefited, including the new volunteer fire department, the K-12 school, and the new community center.

Also, USDA is making available up to $19.3 million in Distance Learning and Telemedicine program grants to fund access to rural education, training and health care resources. The DLT program finances telecommunications-enabled equipment and advanced technologies for people who live and work in rural areas.

Since 2009, USDA has invested almost $150 million in the program. These investments complement other USDA efforts to improve rural communications. Details of Distance Learning funding being made available are on page 29399 of the *Federal Register*.

In the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program, USDA will provide up to $2 million as part of the department's continued support of rural telecommunications and broadcast services. Funds can be used to acquire, lease or install equipment or software to complete the transition to digital broadcast signals.

While rural stations broadcast their main transmitter signal digitally, many also have translators serving small communities or isolated areas, and these still need to transition from analog to digital. Some rural areas also need fill-in translators, in cases when the signal reception from a main transmitter is lost. These Public Television grants will support those stations to ensure all rural households and businesses receive public television station transmissions. Details are on page 29409 of the *Federal Register*. ***(USDA)***

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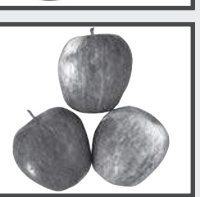

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JKPL's digital village to be 'expanded'

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The Joeten Kiyu Public Library's plan to build a state-of-the-art digital village at the back of the library will be expanded at the request of Gov. Eloy S. Inos, according to JKPL executive director John Gonzales.

He said the digital village will be changed from an 85-seater to three times the seating size than originally planned.

According to Gonzales, Inos was excited about the project and asked the library to make some changes.

"The governor said that he wants to do it right and do it once, instead of having them come back and extend through construction," Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said Inos wants the amphitheater to be "the center of the community."

"The governor envisioned that this project will be the center of the community for education, social gatherings and also for celebrations," Gonzales said.

The amphitheater in the digital village will now be expanded from two floors to four or five floors, he said.

"We want to accommodate all ages from young to old," Gonzales said.

He noted that the amphitheater could be used for conventions and meetings for any business or organization.

According to Gonzales, the digital village will also have built-in solar panels on the rooftop as part of the library's cost saving strategies.

When asked about the grant for the digital village and how far they've gone with it, Gonzales said that he had already met with Joe Diego from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Guam.

According to Diego, JKPL has to wait for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's announcement on the funding opportunity that would open and start a competitive application timeline.

What happens if JKPL is not approved to get the grant? "We would have to go through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and check on their grants. Another option will be for us to explore their Capital Improvement Project grants," Gonzales said.

According to him, the project's blueprint is now being worked on at the Department of Public Works. The DPW architect will notify him next week and that he will then present it to Inos.

"This project will help us celebrate our diversity and we can feature community interest topics through lecture series by authors, poets, and many more people. Our main goal for this project is to promote overall comprehensive community literacy," he said.

Gonzales noted that they will focus first on the Public School System and Northern Marianas College to use the digital village for ceremonies, graduations, or any other school activities.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 30, 2006

US military prepares for next century

The U.S. military's reshaping of its forces in the western Pacific is aimed at preparing for the "needs of the nation" in the next century and not because of concerns about China's increasing military buildup in the region, according to Rear Admiral Charles J. Leidig Jr., commander of the Naval Forces Marianas. Leidig explained that the reshaping of the U.S. military forces in the western Pacific is not directed at any specific threat. "We are working to shape up forces so that we are properly positioned for the needs of our country in the next century," Leidig told the media shortly after the Memorial Day ceremony at the Susupe Veterans Memorial Park in Susupe.

Power supply stability: The Okinawa experience

NAHA, Okinawa—A decade ago, this isolated southern prefecture of Japan generated 100 percent of its electrical power from diesel-fuel generators. Today, with the price of petroleum products skyrocketing, Okinawa has dramatically reduced its dependence on imported oil and produces only 22 percent of its electricity from diesel generators. Okinawa Electrical Power Company, the prefecture's only power company, now relies on coal to produce 77 percent of its electricity. The remaining 1 percent is generated by renewable energy sources, primarily solar and wind power. Satoru Matayoshi, Okinawa Electrical Power Company's engineering liaison group leader, says the utility changed its fuel source mix to reduce costs to the company. That keeps costs under control for consumers.

May 30, 2007

Liquidated Fund assets expected to top $39M

The NMI Retirement Fund expects to withdraw some $39 million of its investment assets by Sept. 30, 2007. In his report to the Fund board of trustees yesterday, NMIRF comptroller Noel Soria said the pension program will have to liquidate another $1.2 million worth of assets on May 31, 2007. The Retirement Fund needs the cash to pay retiree benefits. Assets must be liquidated because the Fund has insufficient cash flow due to the government's failure to remit its employer contribution. Soria said withdrawals are now averaging $2.4 million a month. Thursday's withdrawal will bring the total to $22.4 million.

Dotts: It's the end for all CNMI garment factories

Once the new minimum wage reaches $4.05 next year, there will be no more garment factories on Saipan, according to a lawyer representing many garment manufacturers on the island. Attorney Michael Dotts, in an interview with Saipan Tribune, said he believes that with the passage of the new minimum wage rate, most of the factories still on the island have only one year to go. "Some factories feel that they could afford a wage rate of up to close to $4 per hour and some feel that they can't really afford any wage increase at all," he said.

May 30, 2008

Some alien workers backed out from filing small claims

Some alien workers who were advised by the Department of Labor to file small claims to collect their administrative awards went to court yesterday but soon backed out upon learning that it will their responsibility to serve their complaints to their previous employers. "How can we serve our complaints to our previous employers when in fact they just shut down their factory, abandoned us, and left the CNMI?" one of the four workers who went to the Superior Court yesterday told Saipan Tribune.

DPL urged: Stop new public land leases

The Senate has urged the Department of Public Lands to hold off any new public land leases on Saipan while there are pending applications for village homesteads. The resolution, adopted by the Upper House, said that new public land leases must be suspended so homestead applicants can be entertained. The original resolution proposed to include Tinian and Rota but Sen. Paterno Hocog asked that the two senatorial districts be removed. Sen. Joseph Mendiola agreed, saying that a suspension of public land leases may jeopardize Tinian and Rota's efforts to attract developers to stir up their economies. There are approximately 4,000 homestead applicants waiting for their homestead lot assignments.

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Long goodbye in Afghanistan

As recently as February, President Obama was signaling that the United States might withdraw all of its military forces from Afghanistan at the end of this year. Whether that so-called zero option was truly under consideration or was simply a tactic to obtain President Hamid Karzai's signature on a bilateral security agreement, Obama made it clear Tuesday that several thousand U.S. military personnel will remain in the country in 2015.That assumes Karzai's successor will sign the agreement, but both presidential candidates in next month's runoff election have indicated that they would. Those are welcome developments, and Obama's plan represents a responsible way to draw down America's presence in that country.

Americans are understandably weary of the U.S. military engagement in Afghanistan, which has lasted for more than a decade and cost the lives of more than 2,300 Americans—without extirpating the Taliban or purging Afghan politics of cronyism and corruption. But there also have been accomplishments: in the professionalization of Afghan forces, in progress toward a stronger civil society and in the education and empowerment of women.

As Obama acknowledged, the original justification for sending U.S. forces to Afghanistan was to end its use as a staging ground for attacks on Americans by al-Qaida, not to engage in nation-building. But having overthrown the Taliban, the U.S. and its allies rightly saw it as their responsibility to try to undo the effects of that fanatical regime's misrule. The residual force Obama announced Tuesday could play an important role in consolidating the progress already achieved—by training Afghan forces and engaging in limited counter-terrorism operations.

Under the plan, U.S. forces in Afghanistan will decline from the current 32,800 to 9,800 by the beginning of 2015 and will fall to half that number by the end of next year. By the end of 2016, the U.S. military presence will shrink to a size comparable to that of the U.S. security contingent in Iraq.

Are these the optimal numbers for a successful transition to a situation in which the government in Kabul can deal with security on its own? No one can be sure, but the force levels seem reasonable and so does the assumption that most of the remaining U.S. forces won't be in harm's way. (American fatalities have declined sharply in the last two years.) Republicans are criticizing Obama for announcing a date for the withdrawal of most the residual force, but a deadline will concentrate the minds of the Afghans on the importance of improving their own readiness.

Afghanistan remains a country with a weak central government, endemic corruption, ethnic tensions and a continuing insurgency. There is no guarantee that the longer goodbye Obama announced Tuesday will enable Afghans to surmount those and other obstacles to a peaceful and productive society. But the effort is worth making.

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The pope's talent for diplomacy

Pope Francis was guaranteed to make headlines on his visit to the Middle East just by the fact that the head of the Roman Catholic Church was going to one of the most tense regions in the world. He did make headlines ... but he also showed he has a remarkable talent for diplomacy and a flair for the dramatic gesture.

The safest course would have been to script every moment of his itinerary and reduce the risk of controversy.

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Nine Dash Line

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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After A-bombs exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, Imperial Japan surrendered to the Allies, and China was offered the Ryukyu Islands as occupied territories reverted back to their original sovereigns. China refused to take on Okinawa's group, sensibly realizing that its relations to Japan, Korea, and North Vietnam was through cultural influence, not sovereign coverage.

In 1947, the Republic of China presented to the United Nations its Eleven Dash Line in South China Sea to show sovereign boundaries. No one batted an eye. Islands of the *Xisha* (west islands, aka Paracel) and *Nansha* (south islands, aka Spratley) groups belonged to China.

In 1949, Mao Zedong's *Gongchangdang* (communist) forces prevailed over the *Guomindang* (nationalist) forces of Chiang Kai Shek and defined sovereign lines from Xizang (Tibet) to Xinjiang, on to Nei Menggu (Inner Mongolia) to Manchuria down the east coast including Taiwan where Chiang retreated under U.S. protection, to Hainan and circling back to the Himalayas. The 11-dash line was included territory, later becoming 9-dash line when Zhou Enlai decided to take two out from a divisive divide in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The Nine Dash Line designated sovereign borders in China's eyes that were globally taken for granted until the '60s when oil exploration revealed a possible pool of oil underneath the continental shelf of South China Sea. Not having the naval muscle to implement its sovereign claim, *Xisha* and *Nansha* islands stayed without permanent settlement saved as an occasional but rich fishing ground accessible to all. Western oil interests started eyeing the territory, the British through Malaysia and Brunei, the Americans through the Philippines, and French-American through Vietnam.

(A maternal uncle, an aide to Ferdinand Marcos, and other vets from the Vietnam War including Gen. Fidel Ramos who later become President, "liberated" parts of Spratley from Sino clutches, and called them *Kalayaan*—freedom—islands, right about the same time black gold was flowing out of the Nido fields off the Palawan shores.)

In 1982, the United Nations ratified the Convention on the Law of the Sea, or UNCLOS, which defined, *inter alia,* maritime use of the ocean lanes and access to sea beds. After 60 nations ratified UNCLOS in 1994, it finally took effect. That's when the South China Sea's sovereignty, and maritime territorial use, came to fore. Nine Dash Line was added to the vocabulary of the military and the diplomatic corps.

Fossil fuel access as the source of conflicts in the last 150 years is not an ideological judgment. It is that without which no sociological explanation of the phenomenon of military machismo cannot get any hearing. Ideological rhetoric on freedom and democracy, buffered by sale of the instruments of death from above, e.g., to Brunei and Taiwan, cannot be understood without the greasy texture of oil. The technology of extracting it from the ground is the province of a select corporate few, bankrolled in our registry.

With the indelible marks of climate change affecting global climate, consequences already a matter of extent rather than intent, the two industrializing giants of India and China have shifted from oil to natural gas as an energy source for its electrical power. America has gone "fracking" on shale and tar sands, enamored with its new technology but wreaking havoc on geo-templates. The U.S. still leads the world on energy consumption. The demand for fossil fuel is the field of competition.

We are the current titleholder since post-WWII. India and China, by sheer force of the economy of scale, are new contenders. The competition is not energy source but energy power, and China cultivates its diplomatic relations with oil producing countries for its energy supply but also generates power from sources including hydro, thermal, wind, biomass, solar, and other energy sources. It is not enough. China needs more oil, and it is not about to give up what it has long considered its sovereign right in its own backyard. It does not see itself as moving on its neighbors' territories as it sees the fingerprints of manipulative vested interests encroaching on hers.

The U.S. has set its policies to managing energy source through crude, with a military to implement the policy. If one wants to understand how a little drilling rig on Chinese islands off the coast of Vietnam can trigger the harshest Sino phobia in the last 30 years, one needs to have a cognitive overview of the politics of black gold, of which our country is in the leading role.

Indigenes' right to selfhood through vocational skills so one can be gainfully employed is helpful but not the main challenge. More than just enlisting into Pentagon's roll so we can proudly honor and memorialize our young sacrificial lambs, the indigenes' cranium tuned to the geopolitical drama of the region is the paramount challenge. Getting us to use alternative energy sources other than Big Oil's offering bodes well on our future. So, let us set the Nine Dash Line of the sovereign regions of our minds and get cracking!

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Twerking in Gemini

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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If your birthday falls around this time of year, namely May 21 through June 21, you are, according to the western zodiac, a Gemini. As a birthday present I'm going to present a star in the Gemini constellation. The star is named Castor.

First we'll find it. Then we'll unwrap it. And, guess what? There's a surprise inside.

The birthday candle is burning short on Castor's cake. Castor sets early these days, about three hours after sunset. And in a few weeks it will be gone for the season, so don't come whining to me if you miss it.

Castor is roughly 300 trillion miles away. Its light takes 52 years to reach Earth. On the scale of the universe, this is next-door-neighbor close.

Fortunately, Castor is now in the west so it's in the most viewable slice of the sky for most Saipan residents.

Here's how to find Castor: If you wait until one hour after sunset this weekend, you'll notice, looking due west of Saipan, a bright star roughly 30 degrees over the horizon. This star is named Procyon.

How do you measure 30 degrees? By using your fist: It's a built-in degree measurer. If you hold a fist at arm's length like you're presenting someone the Olympic torch, your fist will cover 10 degrees of vertical arc. So if you walk it up from the horizon three times, you'll be sighting 30 degrees over the horizon.

Once you've found Procyon, you can scan horizontally by 20 degrees (two fists) directly to the right, maintaining the same distance over the horizon. This will land you on a really bright object. This object is brighter than Procyon. It's the planet Jupiter.

Jupiter, like all planets, is just passing through any given area of the sky. It's not a permanent fixture. So, while the stars maintain essentially fixed positions relative to each other, at least over the human lifespan scale of things, the planets aren't as well behaved. Therefore, you can't always use Jupiter to find Castor. We're just enjoying a chance alignment right now.

Anyway, it's time to get diagonal now. Let's slant up and to the right of Jupiter by one fist. This will land us near two bright stars, though they're not as bright as Jupiter or even as bright as Procyon. These two stars are the Gemini twins. The brighter of them is Pollux, which is a little bit yellow or orange, and to the right of Pollux, and a little bit lower in the sky, is Castor.

Like many textual descriptions, this sounds like gobbledygook until you try it. Then it's easy.

Easy, yes. Foolproof, no: Let's not forget that it's predicated on one hour after sunset. This region of the sky is setting, so if you're late to the party, you'll have to adjust your sights lower.

Anyway, now that we've got our hands on Castor, let's unwrap it.

And, surprise, surprise! Castor isn't really "a" star. No, it's actually six stars and they're doing a wacky cosmic dance.

Castor's six-star array consists of three pairs of stars. Each pair is like a married couple: They are gravitationally bound to their counterpart. Furthermore, all the pairs are also gravitationally bound to the other pairs, so these stellar couples are doing the do-si-do around the dance floor, with little orbits spinning inside of bigger orbits.

Maybe "do-si-do" is a dated concept. So for you younger readers, I'll note that it's sort of like twerking, only different.

Anyway, marriages among paired stars, known as "binary" stars, aren't always marriages of equals. One star is often brighter than its companion. Although they are presumably created at the same time and from the same blob of stuff (e.g. hydrogen), they often have nothing else in common. Some are big, some are small. Some are cooler, some are hotter. Some will burn out quickly, while others will become cosmic geezers.

Yes, there are a lot of odd couples up there. Physics, like Cupid, has a droll sense of humor.

Although Castor looks like just one star to the bare eyeball, an amateur telescope can see the brightest of each stellar pair. In this case, of these three visible stars, two are bright and very close to each other. The third is sort of an outcast, dimmer and distant, the true odd-man-out in an already odd arrangement. This weird scene is a cool sight.

But far cooler is simply knowing Castor's story. Nobody needs a telescope for that, just as nobody needs a telescope to appreciate the night sky in general. The sky is, in fact, full of interesting stories like Castor's. There is no price of admission for spectators. This is a present we can all enjoy, even if it's not our birthday.

Future of policymakers

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A lot of people have sought sensible views on future policymakers—the entire nine yards—from legislators to the next governor. I would purposely deflect giving direct answers if only to listen to their expressions how politicians have mouthed off endlessly while piling more promiscuous promises that leaves voters infuriated.

I'd defer to listening in order to gauge just how many have realistically come to grips with the urgency for competent leadership. I'm encouraged by what I've heard outside.

Most are miffed and are ready to shift gear after nearly 10 years of grueling hardship and the obvious lack of opportunities at home. The gripes, howls of anguish, and squeals of pain spreads like wildfire in most conversations.

As folks unleash their concerns, I heard the echo of what Winston Churchill once said about conscious leadership: "If the price of greatness is responsibility, we have neither today." Had to swallow the bitter pill of audacity, gift-wrapped in arrogance.

With severe economic depression—quadruple the effects of a recession—where nothing works, serious queries emerged from the conversation.

Critical questions

Where would you take the CNMI from its rock bottom miseries where the multitude is floored by the huge increase in the cost of living, further strapped by the huge debris of leadership negligence?

How would you create economic prosperity or deal with wealth and jobs creation?

Do you have a socio-economic plan to use as a guideline or do we proceed with ad hoc mode of doing things, randomly?

Is your plan fully thought-out and capable of luring anchor investments that would gradually turn fiscal and financial crisis into steady and sturdy revenue streams?

Have you plans to resolve the high cost of health insurance and power that has robbed families of their buying power?

I probed their minds a bit more to see what's in their conscience downstairs. There was no holding back in their saying, "Throw the bums out!" This expression hailed from the informed, college-educated, including retirees and others wary of issues. They're bent to ignore them too this November.

The disengagement

The appalling disengagement and apathy have filtered down to simple villagers whose livelihood drowns in miserable hardship. Said another, "This is the price of leadership scarcity when we most need it." It hurts my ears listening to persistent painful expressions. My hope for happier conversation was drowned out by explosive expressions coming straight from the heart.

Although the discussion was simple and straightforward, I heard the confirmation of the need to elect quality leadership endowed with academic and professional competency, especially spiritual wellbeing fully aware that their role is to improve the livelihood of others. In brief, it's about others over the self, a missing link under incumbent leadership on both sides of the street on the hill.

Ousting of incumbents

What about the fate of legislative policymakers? The incumbent Legislature has failed royally to improve the quality of life of our people coupled with the heinous disregard for the will of the people on the casino issue. It is a perfect recipe for complete ousting. This sentiment has gathered powerful steam lately.

As I weave in and out of the deserted land of economic dystopia—where nothing works—there's the urgency for a fully thought-out socio-economic plan backed by quality and stable policies designed to encourage "anchor" or lasting investments. The envisioned investments would gradually lift everybody's boat long stuck in the sands of bankruptcy.

It's a must though the CNMI is sadly reputed as a "cesspool" where lasting investments was ignored in favor of organized crime. As such, investors of substance have steered clear of the CNMI for this reason alone. What's our future under this troubling scenario fostered by dimwits on the hill? None! I suppose walking off the cliff has become fashionable among the elected elite here. Humiliating!

Thoughtful plans

Why am I talking plans, lasting investments, jobs and wealth creation? It's the pathway to exit persistent financial and fiscal crisis. We owe it to our children and need not live off their backs by denying their economic freedom in advance of finding their place in our community. No one had to leave "home" to find opportunities abroad. This is "home" forever more. Let's make it one hell of a paradise teeming with economic opportunities.

What's the goal here? The NMI needs a brief period in its developmental history to set investments in place so we put it back on the right track or on the road to economic recovery. Add to the complexity of island economies, we must have a set of economic goals to allow the system to self-correct over the infusion of scarce public funds to kick-start it. This makes a set of plans mandatory. We can't chance ad hoc planning on an issue as fragile as island economies. There would have to be an annual period for review and refinement.

Reality of income fluctuation

There's a hell of a difference in income at the prime of your career versus retirement or golden age. This issue turns into a serious concern when your fixed income is cut by 25 percent. Add the new health premium or throw the high cost of power and you quickly begin panting for air above the Pacific Ring of Fire.

Your bouts with survival becomes even harder when you begin shuttling between home and the hospital to treat degenerative long-term illnesses. Every penny is stretched and strictly limited to basic needs. Often, the forced cut in pension makes imperative a must divide consumption of a can of tuna into four meals.

With a host of folks similarly situated, we're down in the dark valley so deep and dense rendered useless and fully sandwiched in a dead zone area. We're stuck down here with a thin thread of hope to making it to another day. Didn't someone promise "better times"?

POPE

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So what did he do? Made an apparently impromptu invitation Sunday to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres to visit the Vatican to pray for peace. Both men accepted. Since Peres does not lead Israel's government—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does—this is not likely the stuff of a big diplomatic breakthrough. Still, it was a grand symbolic gesture: raising the prospect of Jewish and Palestinian leaders praying together at the seat of Roman Catholicism.

Apparently at Abbas' urging, Francis made an unexpected stop Sunday at a graffiti-covered section of Israel's security barrier on the edge of Bethlehem, where the pope touched his forehead to the wall and said a prayer. Palestinians view the security wall as evidence of Israel's intolerable control over their territory. Israel sees the wall as essential to its defense against Palestinian attacks. The stop rankled Netanyahu.

A day later, at the suggestion of Netanyahu, Francis made an unscheduled visit to a memorial to victims of terrorism. He also visited the grave of Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism who espoused the idea of the modern Jewish state. That visit rankled some Palestinians. Overall, though, Palestinians had to be pleased that the pope during this trip repeatedly supported their bid for statehood.

The journey created no breakthrough in the long and immensely vexing process of reaching peace between Israel and the Palestinians. But the pope did force leaders on both sides, at least momentarily, out of their comfort zones. There's value in that. The pope should take his show on the road again soon.

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲59	▼48
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲99	▼74
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Honolulu	Windy	▲82	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲81	▼60
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲93	▼80
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲64	▼51
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼58
Osaka	Sunny	▲84	▼64
Paris	Showers	▲70	▼52
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼62
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼57
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼51
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Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼67
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲76	▼60

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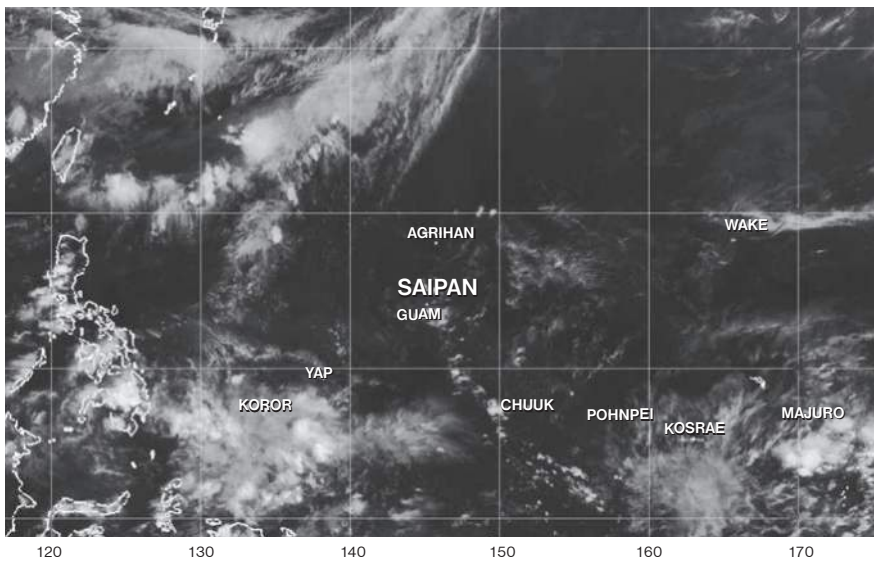

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends from 12N132E to 18N134E and was generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 11N and 20N from 133E to 136E. Another surface trough stretches from 3N137E to 10N136E and is producing scattered showers and over Palau and Yap between 2N and 11N from 131E to 138E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Yap between the equator and 6N from 140E to 145E. A near-equatorial trough extends from 1N162E to EQ168E and is associated with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Kosrae between the equator and 5N from 160Eto 169E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line that extends from 5N171E to 7N180. An upper-level low is located near 18N165E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northeast of Wake Islands between 20N and 22N from 170E to 172E.

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Saipan Harbor

3:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
10:57 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:49 AM	7:57 PM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kuchinu na casinos?

It is unfortunate that Public Laws 18-38 and 18-43 (the "Saipan casino law") were both railroaded through the 18th Legislature and then quickly signed into law by Gov. Eulogio Inos despite the constitutional and statutory infirmities that the Saipan casino law suffers from, and despite the fact that the public's input and opinion were totally disregarded.

Worse, the Lottery Commission has proven to the whole world that it lacks the competence to implement the Saipan casino law. First, the Lottery Commission rejected Marianas Stars' application because Marianas Stars was "late" in depositing the $30 million in escrow, which left Best Sunshine standing to be the exclusive licensee.

What's disturbing about the rejection is that the Lottery Commission was so sure that it was following the law, only to backpedal on its earlier decision and, almost as if out of thin air, the Lottery Commission "reinstated" Marianas Star. Worse, the Lottery Commission gave Marianas Star 48 days to deposit the $30 million in escrow, even though the Saipan casino law gave casino license applicants 45 days only to submit the $30 million deposit. I am pretty sure Best Sunshine must be furious by now.

Second, the Lottery Commission starts to illegally spend the nonrefundable application fees to enter into a contract with a casino investigator and gaming consultant to investigate the applicants. The Saipan casino law at Sections 107(e) and 208(b), however, gave the Commonwealth Casino Commission, not the Lottery Commission, the sole authority to spend the application fees and to do investigation on any of the applicants.

Needless to say, the manner in which the Saipan casino law was passed, and the manner in which the Lottery Commission has been illegally behaving, is anything but transparent and accountable.

But let's not forget who got us into this Saipan casino fiasco. Remember when Eulogio Inos and Rep. Ralph Demapan went on a "fact-finding" mission to meet with "investors"? Then another group also hopped on a private plane to go to Hong Kong? Of course, it didn't end there, because when they all came back, the Saipan casino law was passed in a hurry.

I challenge those that voted yes to the Saipan casino law to voluntarily sign an affidavit that he or she did not receive anything of value above $50 in exchange for his or her yes vote. This is important, because should the Lottery Commission fail to give the exclusive casino license to Best Sunshine, Best Sunshine can start singing songs about who received what.

My prediction though is that Best Sunshine will get the exclusive casino license, as planned.

Jesus I. Taisague
Koblerville, Saipan

Konfitma 2014

I am very supportive of our homeland security and our men and women in the armed forces and their contributions that protect our home and the sacrifice that they endure.

What I don't understand is that our local enforcement agencies could have done a better job during Konfitma 2014, as I looked at the pictures of what could have been and the damage our community could have suffered. I also saw the damage and pollution caused by this exercise: the trees that were burned, ocean that was polluted with burned plastic, rubber, and chemicals that have no business being so close to our ocean, reefs, and environment. There is also public safety, with the civilians that were driving right next to the area of the exercise.

I understand that we need these exercises as we are surrounded with uncertainty not only in Asia but around the world but please let's be more careful and cover all our ground.

Manuel J. Alvarez
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The Court will hold a hearing on **August 25, 2014** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees of up to 25% of the Settlement Fund, plus reimbursement of attorneys' costs and expenses. You or your own lawyer may appear at the hearing at your own expense.

For more information or a Claim Form: 1-877-412-5277 or www.FlushmateClaims.com

Deleon Guerrero earns master's degree from NYU

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Matthew Deleon Guerrero, left, is joined by his family—Eve, Edward, and Michael—after graduating with honors from New York University on May 21, 2014, at the New York Yankee Stadium.

Matthew O. Deleon Guerrero, a Mount Carmel School Alum-Knight and recently confirmed board member of the Commonwealth Development Authority, graduated with honors from New York University during its 182nd Commencement Exercise on May 21, 2014, at the New York Yankee Stadium.

Deleon Guerrero received his master's degree in International Development.

The keynote speaker during the commencement ceremony was Janet Yellen, chairperson of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Deleon Guerrero obtained his bachelor's of science degree in Political Science from Boise State University. During his time in Boise, he worked for U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick, the political relations firm Strategies360, and several Idaho political campaigns.

Following his undergraduate education, Deleon Guerrero worked as a staff assistant for CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan in Washington, D.C., before departing in 2012 to attend NYU.

While a student at NYU, Deleon Guerrero's research focused on development of island economies. Deleon Guerrero served as associate editor for the NYU student academic journal *Perspectives on Global Issues*, spent the summer session with the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, and was the recipient of the Mitsui-USA Foundation Scholarship.

In his final semester, Deleon Guerrero conducted research on Saipan on the role of development in the CNMI. He is chairman of the CNMI Republican Party Committee on Youth and Manhoben Affairs and is a member of the inaugural class of the Marianas Chapter of the Pacific Centuries Fellowship. Currently, Deleon Guerrero is an economic development consultant for Cornerstone Consulting Services on Saipan.

Deleon Guerrero was speaker of the 9th CNMI Youth Congress and is the son of Edward C. and Eve Deleon Guerrero of Koblerville. ***(PR)***

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OAG moves to quash Quichocho's subpoena for Larson

The Office of the Attorney General has moved to quash a subpoena issued by attorney Ramon K. Quichocho to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson in connection with his taxpayer's lawsuit that questioned the constitutionality of the 2-month-old casino law.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, as counsel for Larson, said the subpoena commanded Larson to appear and testify at a hearing or trial in Quichocho's case supposedly last Tuesday.

The hearing on Quichocho's preliminary injunction/temporary restraining order will be held today, Friday.

In a motion to quash filed Monday, Lochabay said the subpoena indicates on its face that it was received by the Office of the Secretary of Finance on May 23, 2014, at 1pm. Larson was personally served at that time.

According to Larson, however, May 24, 25, and 26, 2014, were non-work days and she was not in the office on those days, Lochabay said.

Larson, therefore, had at best only a few hours to find and review any documents she might have that are responsive to the subpoena and are not privileged or protected Lochabay said.

He said that determining whether the requested documents are not privileged or protected would require Larson to consult a lawyer.

Lochabay asked the court to quash the subpoena or at least modify it to allow Larson enough time to comply with it.

Quichocho filed the lawsuit for himself and on behalf of CNMI taxpayers. He is suing Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the Lottery Commission, and the government for alleged violation of the NMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho asked the court to issue a judgment declaring the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law as unconstitutional and unlawful.

He asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction preventing Inos and co-defendants from performing any rights or obligations under the Casino law pending the resolution of the lawsuit.

He also asked the court to issue a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from performing any rights or obligations under the casino law.

Quichocho is demanding payment of unspecified damages, attorney's fees, and costs. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Three chefs at Double Eagle

Coral Ocean Point Resort's Double Eagle Restaurant has not one, not two, but three chefs in its kitchen, assuring diners a wide culinary selection for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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From left, Double Eagle Restaurant Japanese chef Lito Petonio, executive chef Eduardo B. Olarte, and Chinese chef Rey Bulaklak are ready to whip up your favorite dishes at the Coral Ocean Point Resort's main restaurant.

Spearheading the trio of gastronomic experts is executive chef Eduardo B. Olarte, who has been tickling the palates of locals and tourists alike on Saipan with his masterful grasp of French and Italian cuisines since 1986.

Also onboard is Japanese chef Lito Petonio, who has been making his sumptuous sushi rolls, scrumptious tempura, and delightful ramen on island the past 20 years.

Not to be outdone is chef Rey Bulaklak, who since coming to the CNMI in 1994 began perfecting a fusion of Chinese and Japanese cuisines.

Olarte said that having three chefs at Double Eagle Restaurant is in line with the hotel's philosophy of giving diners what they want, in this case an outlet that can serve gourmet food from a variety of culinary influences—Italian, French, Japanese, and Chinese.

Currently, the elegant restaurant with a picturesque view of flame trees and the ocean offers buffet breakfast and a la carte for lunch and dinner.

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The breakfast buffet costs $15 and has six hot entrees, four types of salad, and one soup. It is from 6am to 10:30am.

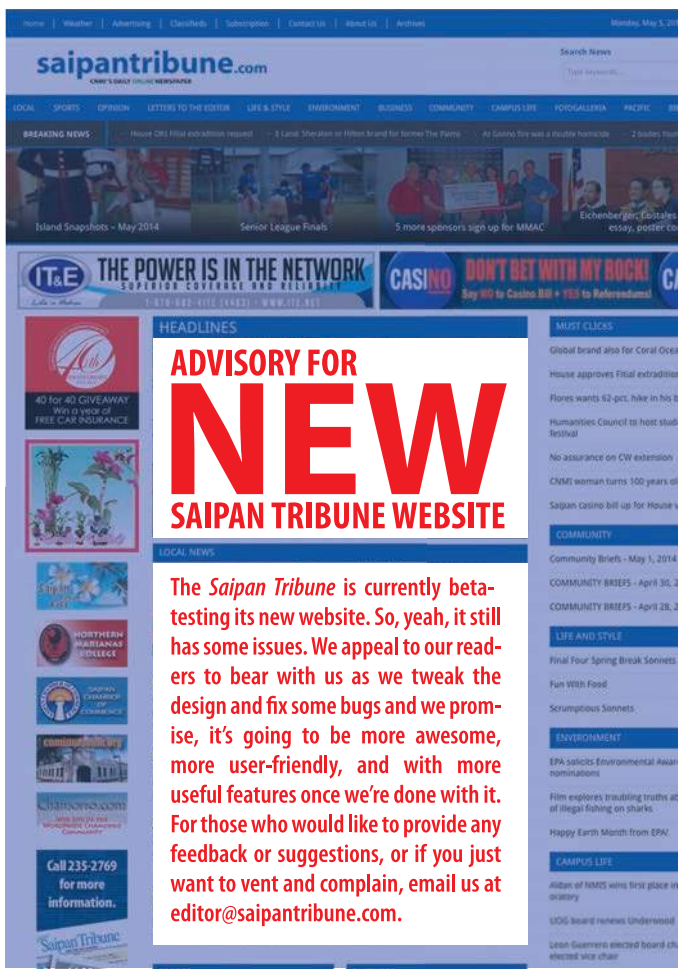
Double Eagle Restaurant's a la carte menu, meanwhile, features a gamut of Continental, French, Italian, Japanese, and Chinese fare. Its top-of-the line steak is priced at $28, while everyone's favorite, lobster, is $35.

Plans are afoot to have a Father's Day brunch on June 15, and in a few months, the outlet may make Sunday brunch a familiar fixture at COP.

Double Eagle Restaurant comfortably sits 100 diners. Olarte has 12 cooks at his disposal with a waitstaff of six at the beck and call of customers.

Aside from walk-ins, Double Eagle Restaurant is also open for banquets, birthdays, christenings, and other functions. It is open from 6am to 10pm and major credit cards are accepted.

For reservations or for more information, call 234-7000 Ext. 623. ***(Saipan Tribune)***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Shirley Sablan is NMI's first Maga'haga Award recipient

Behind every successful woman is an understanding and supportive husband and that seems to be the case for Shirley Ann Tudela Sablan, the 2014 recipient of the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala on April 26.

Sablan, the executive vice president and general manager of Pacific Insurance Underwriters Inc., said she's very lucky she wasn't born in the medieval ages when women did not have the same opportunities they do today and more fortunate that she's married to Jason Tenorio Sablan who stands by her side even through the roughest of times. Mr. Sablan is the grandson of Jose C. Tenorio (Joeten) and

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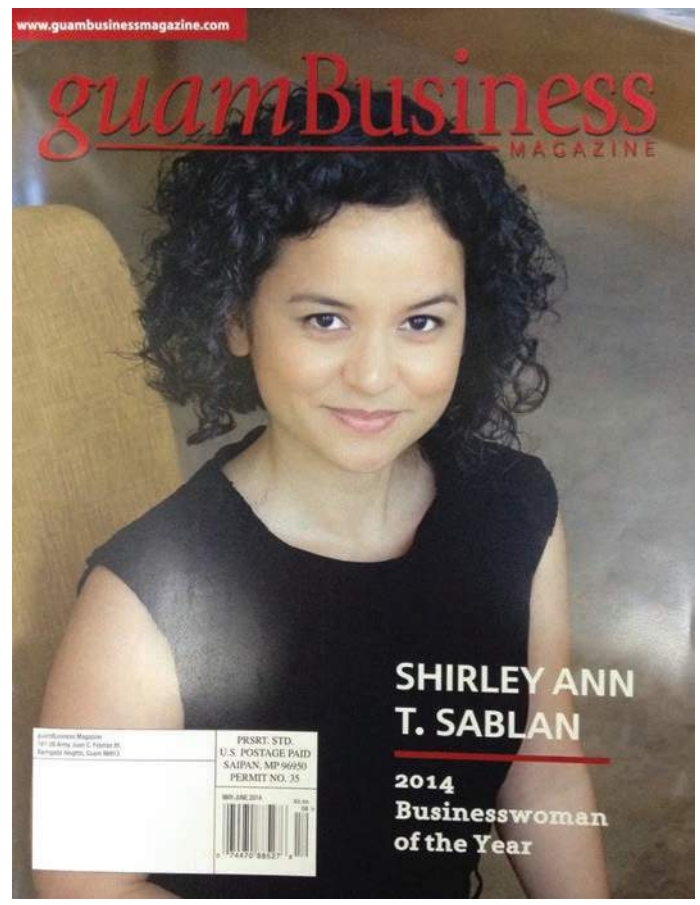

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Shirley Sablan is shown on the cover of the *Guam Business Magazine* as the 2014 Businesswoman of the Year honoree.

From Page 18

an executive at Joeten Development, Inc.

"My husband and I are very young and have been influenced by modern concepts but our relationship is still very traditional. He is still the head of our household. But we're not living in the early 1900s. My husband is a very intelligent man and he understands I'm very ambitious. There was a time when he told me, 'Shirl, I didn't marry you because you knew how to cook.' He said he married me because I'm very ambitious."

Sablan said that husbands must understand that women also have to fulfill personal goals and dreams.

"As long as women still take care of their household responsibilities, it's OK. It's OK to go out and fulfill your dreams, work, and be a part of the workforce and business community. I'm not a perfect housewife, I'm not a perfect mother, I'm not perfect in my profession, but then again, no one is. As long as you are passionate about what you do, exhaust all options, and give your 110 percent, which will never be perfect, that's the most important."

Surprise accolade

Sablan said she was caught totally off-guard when she won the prestigious Businesswoman of the Year award at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala last month in Guam.

"I was very surprised and I didn't expect it, obviously. All the other nominees were quite deserving of the award. They were just as intelligent, they all have years of experience under their belts, and they are all leaders in their industries

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Shirley Sablan, second from left, is shown with other guests at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala on April 26.

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The 2014 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year Maga'haga award nominees for 2014 were Cynthia V. Ecube, attorney, Law Offices of Cynthia V. Ecube; Mildred M. Gabriel, president and lead pharmacist, Meggs Corp. which does business as Guam Rexall Drugs; Monica O. Guzman, CEO and managing director; Galaide Group LLC; Eloisa D. Hudson, owner, Sunglasses, etc., Etcetera Boutique, and ba6 Apparel; Sandra E. Low, owner, Opus One; Liza Ann J. Provido, principal architect, Provido Tan Jones Architects, Inc.; Pamela S. Quinata, general manager and area sales manager, Xerox Corporation; Ester F. Sablan, owner, Saipan Music & Dance Studio; Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters; and Deanne S.N. Torre, managing partner, Bigfish Creative.

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and in their communities. I really felt [the winner] could've been any one of us."

Sablan was selected from 10 nominees in this year's annual award program, which recognizes businesswomen who have made significant contributions to their industries and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community. She is featured in a commissioned photo study on the cover of *Guam Business Magazine* May-June issue, which was released at the gala.

The mother of six said she was actually content with just being nominated for the award and gave credit to past nominees from the CNMI, namely Marcia Ayuyu of McDonald's Saipan, Laila Boyer of *Marianas Variety*, and Vicky Benavente of Pacific Islands Club of Saipan, for paving the way for her.

Winning the award wouldn't also have been possible without her support system, Sablan said, which includes her family, friends, co-workers, Norman Tenorio, and above all, God.

"I owe this award to my supportive family, especially my husband and of course my children, who drive me everyday to work hard and aim high. My parents and my parents-in-law have also been instrumental in the care of my children and in guiding me throughout both my personal and professional endeavors. My mother-in-law is relentless in tutoring my children every after school to ensure academic success. My mom is always there to take my children to their appointments whenever I wasn't able. My siblings and my friends are always rooting for me in everything I do. Norman Tenorio and my other co-workers make for the best team. Without a really good support system, this wouldn't be possible. No one can achieve anything without a good support system."

Sablan, who is first person from the CNMI to win the award, also dedicated her achievement not only to the people of the Commonwealth but also to everyone in Guam as the "award not only represents the CNMI but the entire Marianas."

Early start

The alumnus of Northern Marianas Academy got an early apprenticeship in business as she helped her parents run a small business in the 1990s.

Sablan said her father, retired Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Roman Tudela and mother, Annie, set up Tudela Enterprise—which was into retail, wholesale, and a beauty parlor—to keep themselves busy after retiring from government.

Little did they know that the retail and wholesale business planted the seed that, in 20 or so years later, would produce a successful businesswoman.

"During my teens, I was already exposed to many aspects of the business. My parents pretty much allowed me to trip and fall and make mistakes in order to learn right from wrong. I helped them with their busi-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, is presented with the Businesswoman of the Year award at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala on April 26.

Congratulations

Shirley T. Sablan

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Shirley Sablan is joined by her family at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala on April 26.

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Shirley Sablan has her photo taken with guests at the 9th Annual Maga'haga Award Gala on April 26. They are holding up copies of the *Guam Business Magazine* May-June issue, which features a commissioned photo study of Sablan.

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ness day in and day out every single day of the week. I sacrificed hanging out with friends and party life for them. But this was how I developed discipline and a good work ethic. I was exposed to business challenges before I left for college, so what I have in front of me today is just a larger scale."

Sablan also gave credit to her mother-in-law, Annie Tenorio Sablan, the wife of former lieutenant governor Jesus Sablan, for further honing her business acumen.

"After college I moved back [to Saipan] and started working for Joeten immediately. One of my mentors was my mother-in-law, Annie Sablan. She taught me countless things about business and has guided me throughout my experience in retail."

Inspiration

Sablan hopes that by winning the prestigious Businesswomen of the Year award she becomes an inspiration to other women who want to succeed not only in business but also in life in general.

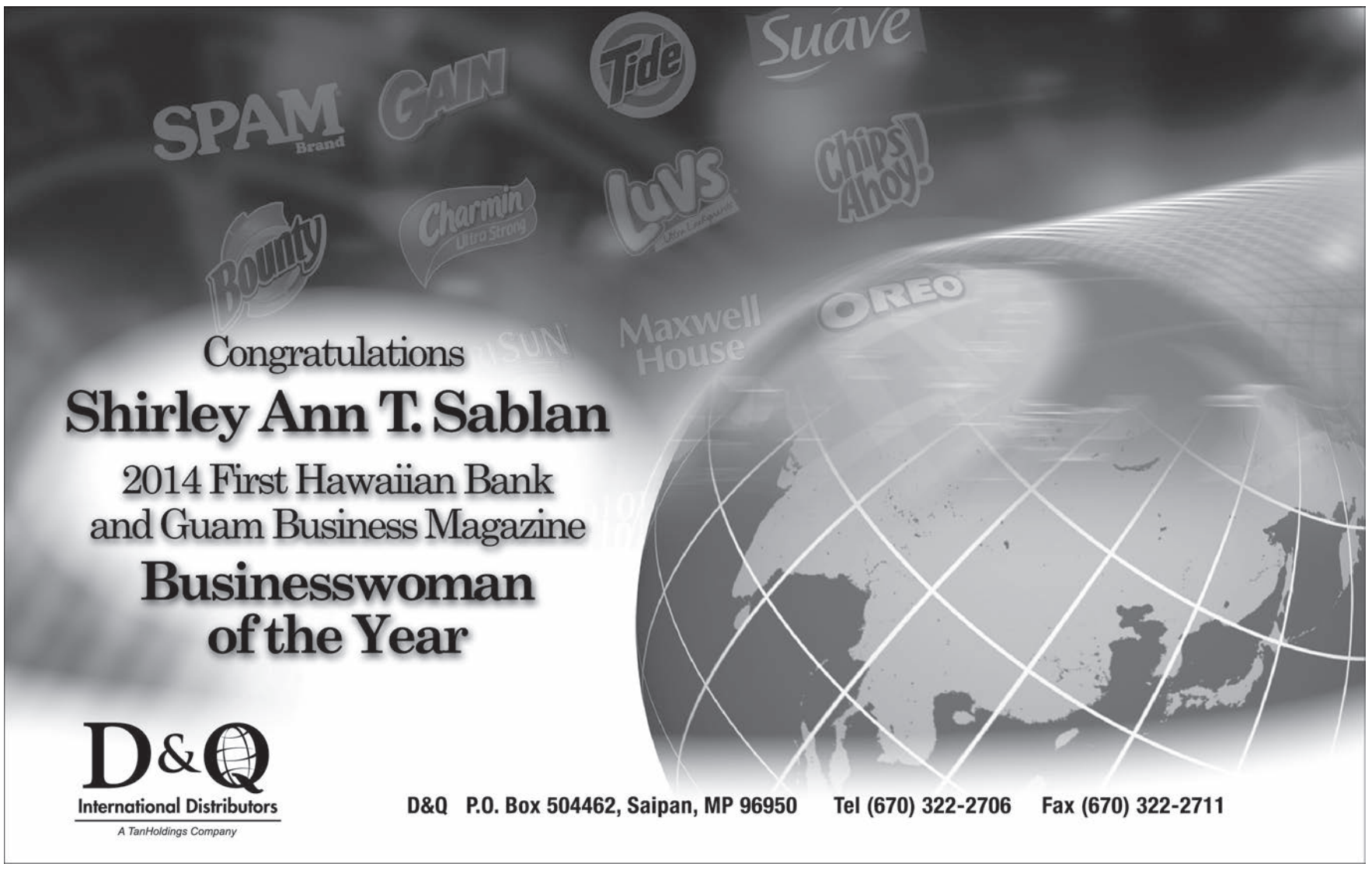
"Even though we see a lot of successful women out there, in most industries men still dominate the executive-level positions and even in politics. No matter how we feel about inequality, at least we're [gaining] some headway. That's really important and for me I give credit to the men in the past who've supported women and the men of today who continue to support women."

She also extended her kudos to First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine,* particularly Maureen Maratita, who masterminded this program, for organizing the annual Maga'haga Award Gala.

"I commend their ongoing support to this very prestigious program that not only recognizes women leaders but also designed to where all the proceeds go toward scholarships for eligible students who attend local colleges like the Guam Community College, University of Guam, and the Northern Marianas College. I encourage other businesses to do the same and give back whatever they can afford."

Sablan graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii, with a Master in Business Administration with concentration in marketing and human resources management. Her community involvements include serving as vice president of the Northern Marianas Insurance Association, community events director of Stellar Marianas, among others.

Jason and Shirley Sablan have six children—Annabelle, 13; Jon Paul, 12; Jason, 10; Jesus, 8; Soledad, 6; and Jose, 3. ***(Saipan Tribune)***



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Tiana Kalai Deleon Guerrero
Ace Carlos L. Evangelista
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Min Woo Kim
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Hee Joo Lee
Tawnie D. Manibusan
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Monica Usi
Geuel Christian M. Villacrusis
Jehnifer Luise T. Villagomez
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Final leg of the Taste of Marianas tomorrow

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The 16th Taste of the Marianas, which has been drawing thousands of visitors and community members to the American Memorial Park every Saturday this month, will end tomorrow, May 31.

The Taste of the Marianas has always been one of the most highly anticipated events organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority every year and it's being staged all Saturdays of May from 6pm to 10pm in celebration of Tourism Month.

According to MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas, the last day will close at 11pm instead of 10pm.

MVA executive director Perry Tenorio said the Taste of the Marianas continues to grow in participation, performances, and diversity every year.

Tenorio noted that the Taste of the Marianas began in 1999 and was developed to let visitors and residents mingle and enjoy each other's cultures.

"I think a lot of the community members enjoy the event. We're very proud of it and we're very happy the community enjoys it very much," Tenorio said.

A total of 14 hotels and restaurants on Saipan are participating in this year's festival, providing a dizzying array of local and international cuisines to choose from.

The following weeks had various entertainment and competitions.

"The first four nights were successful and we have been seeing new faces as far as entertainment and competitions are concerned," Duenas said.

Competitions included a hotdog-eating contest, a pie-eating contest, a balloon-popping contest—all of which were open for public participation. The most recent one was the bartender's cocktail competition.

Duenas told *Saipan Tribune* that the last competition will be the Chef's Competition, which will start as early as 4:30pm. Judging will take place at 6pm.

Performances this Saturday will feature Maluw Band, Ladies of Micronesia, Yapese Group, Ana Glushko Academy, Rose Dance School, Saipan Music and Dance School, Marianas High School Poksai Guma Chamorro, Invitation to all Refaluwasch Warriors, and Teivi Mori.

The Booth Competition winners will also be announced tomorrow.

MVA is inviting the public to join and help celebrate the final leg of the Taste of Marianas this year.

$12M supplemental budget bill prefiled

House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) prefiled on Wednesday a bill appropriating $12.386 million in additional projected revenue for fiscal year 2014, a week after Gov. Eloy S. Inos sent his supplemental budget that's intended only for two items.

Under Sablan's House Bill 18-192, $5 million will go to the retirement settlement trust fund. This will be added to the $20 million set aside in the original fiscal year 2014 budget law for the retirement fund, to meet the $25 million minimum guaranteed payment for fiscal year 2014.

The remaining $7.386 million will be used to pay the government's employer share of the Group Health and Life Insurance premiums for retirees.

Sablan's bill reflects the governor's request in his supplemental budget transmittal.

"The funds can only be used for these two items alone. They can't be reprogrammed or spent for purposes under than what's stated in the bill," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

The $12.386 million will be added to the fiscal year 2014 budget of $123.4 million. The additional projected revenue comes from gross revenue tax, wage and salary tax, and personal income tax of prior years but collected only recently.

A tiny portion of this is from a settlement with ComputerLand founder William H. Millard, once listed as among the richest people in America. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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7:00 p.m.	Yapese Group
7:30 p.m.	Ana Glushko Academy
7:40 p.m.	Rose Dance School
8:10 p.m.	Booth Competition Winners Announcement
8:30 p.m.	Saipan Music and Dance School
9:00 p.m.	Marianas High School Poksai Guma Chamorro
9:30 p.m.	Invitation to all Refaluwasch Warriors
10:00 p.m.	Teivi Mori
11:00 p.m.	Closing

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For more information, please contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Headquarters at telephone numbers 1 (670) 664-3200/01 or visit the website at www.mymarianas.com

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2014 CNMI TOURISM MONTH
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Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 14 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Tuesday feature of the *Saipan Tribune*.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win token. for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Tourism Trivia" will be aired regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.9 FM), (103.9 FM), KKMP (92.1 FM) and KCNM-KZMI (103.9 FM).

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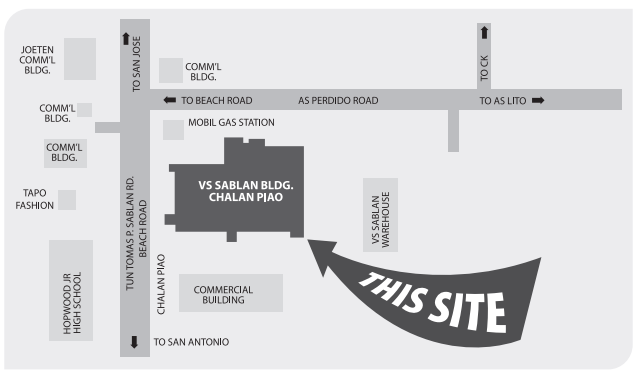

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GRAVESITE MARKERS
RFP14-GOV-099

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide gravesite markers for the Marpi Public Cemetery on the Island of Saipan for a two-year period. Proposals are to include costs associated with provision of required markers and installation. The preferred material is a gray and white granite, inscribed following suggested design standards. Contractor will supply all required markers for a two-year period which is estimated to be approximately one hundred Gravesite Markers per year. Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors: proposed design and materials (40 points); cost (40 points); capacity of proposer (20 points). These evaluation factors are summarized in the table below.

COST
Price is also a factor which will be considered and evaluated in comparison with the overall merit of the proposals. Technical merit is more important than prices and the government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase. The evaluation committee of designated reviewers selected by the Office of the Governor shall review and evaluate proposals.

Element	Points
Proposed Design and Materials	40 points
Cost	40 points
Capacity of Proposer	20 points
Total	100 points

Discussion with Responsible Proposer (s) and revisions to proposals

Discussions may be conducted with the responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposal and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conduction discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

AWARD
Award of contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation. Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and must follow the proposal structure as identified in the proposal packet.

Proposal packets will be available on June 2, 2014 at Office of Capital Improvement - Juan Sablan Memorial Building - Capitol Hill (670-664-2375). All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2014 (ChST) to the Office of Capital Improvement via fax to (670-664-2408). The selected vendor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and Federal laws. All proposals must be in a sealed envelope or container and marked "RFP14-GOV-099 Gravesite Markers" on the exterior and include an original and four copies. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10:0AM, June 24, 2014 (ChST) to:

Herman S. Sablan, Director
Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base Drive
P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan, MP 96950

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information contact Carl Castro at the Office of Capital Improvement (670) 664-2375. All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth.

Eloy S. Inos
Governor, CNMI

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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Business

United applies for Guam-Shanghai service

GUAM—United Airlines has applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation for authority to begin nonstop service between the airline's Guam hub and Shanghai, China.

United intends to begin the new service from Guam using Boeing 737-700/800 series aircraft, effective Oct. 28, 2014, subject to government approval. Flights will be available for sale at a later date.

"We are excited to add the Guam-Shanghai route to the most comprehensive U.S.-China network," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director, Business Development Asia/Pacific.

"As Guam's hometown airline, United has been working hard over the past seven years to develop the China market, with annual charter operations to the island. Our United sales team in China is aggressively promoting Guam to customers in the Pearl River Delta who currently use our four-times-weekly Hong Kong-Guam service, and we are committed to using our resources elsewhere in China to build strong, sustainable traffic for this new service from Shanghai to Guam," he added.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo said that United's announcement is an important step forward for the continued diversification of the U.S. territory's tourism industry.

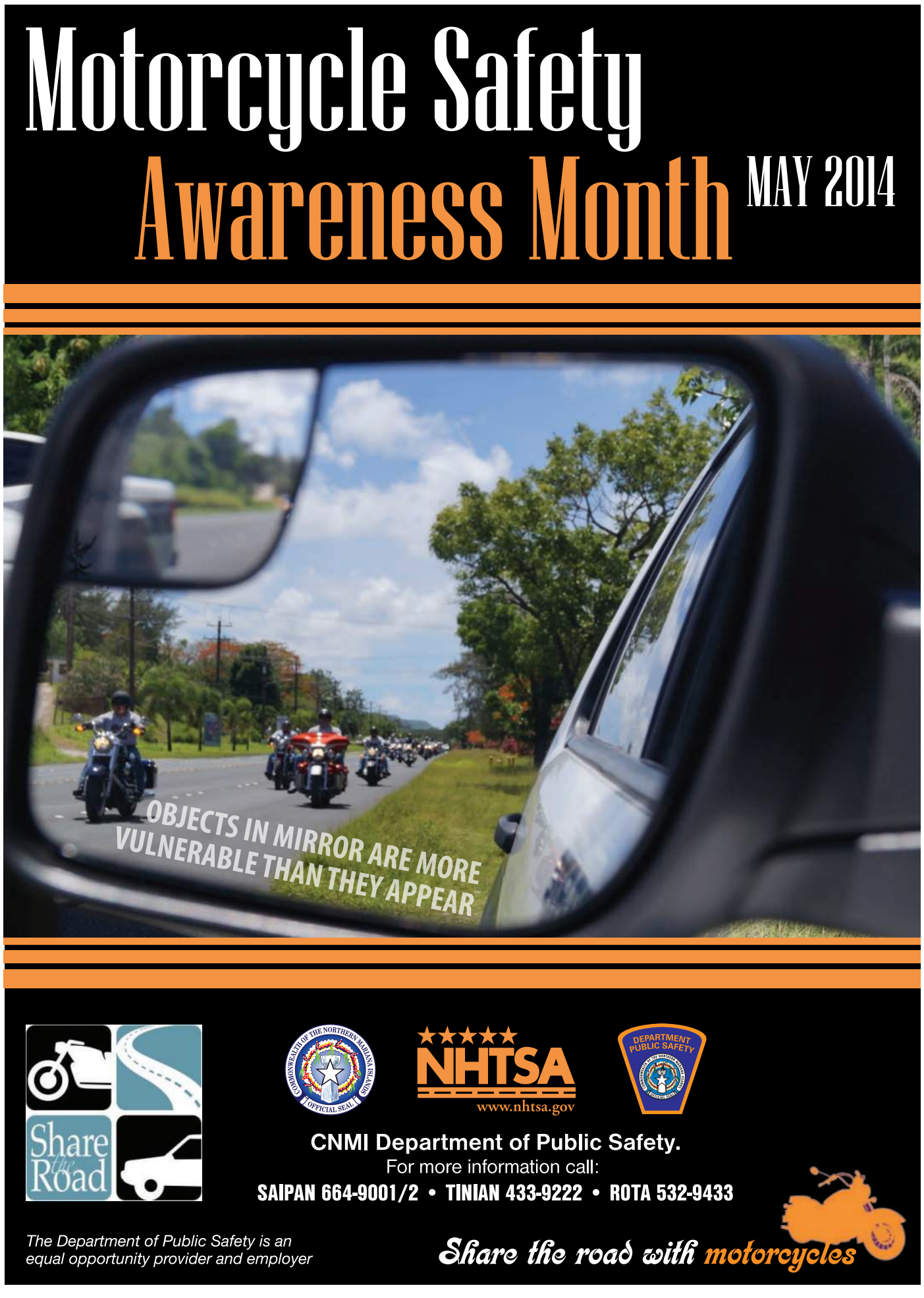
"United continues to expand services out of their Guam hub, and I commend them for their continued investment in our community. They have been leader in helping to expand our tourism industry, and I am hopeful that this will increase visitor arrivals from China. I also continue to work with federal entities to address security concerns over extending a China visa waiver to Guam. I continue to strongly believe that these concerns can be address and that we can find appropriate mitigations so that we can continue to grow Guam's tourism industry, which could lead to even more direct flights to other Chinese cities in the future," she said.

Flight schedule

Subject to government approval, flight UA131 will depart A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport at 7:20pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and arrive at Shanghai Pudong International Airport at 10:15pm the same days (all times local). The return flight, UA130, will depart Shanghai at 11:10pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and arrive at Guam International Airport at 5:30am the following days (all times local). Flying times will be approximately 4 hours 55 minutes northbound and 4 hours and 20 minutes southbound.

United in China

United started nonstop service to mainland China in 1986 and today serves Beijing with nonstop flights from Chicago, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington/Dulles; Shanghai with nonstop flights from Chicago, Los Angeles, New York/Newark and San Francisco; and Hong Kong with nonstop flights from Chicago, New York/Newark, San Francisco, Guam, Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City. In addition, United plans to start three-times-weekly nonstop service from Chengdu to San Francisco, effective Jun. 11, 2014 (eastbound). United is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's largest and most comprehensive airline alliance, whose other members include Air China. United and Air China have a bilateral partnership that includes codesharing on selected routes and provides customers with both carriers additional travel benefits such as airport lounge access and frequent flyer program reciprocity. ***(United)***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ACROSS THE NATION

Toddler boy dies after fall from Boston building

BOSTON (AP)—A 2-year-old boy who cried when he was taken to a day care center in an apartment building on Wednesday morning apparently wandered away and fell from the building's roof to his death, a city councilor said. Councilor Tito Jackson, who represents the neighborhood where the fall occurred, said at the scene that the boy may have been left unattended at the first-floor day care facility and climbed four floors to the roof. "Sadly, part of our future is gone today," Jackson told The Boston Globe. "That is something that weighs heavily on the hearts and minds of everybody here."

California city votes to end hot sauce dispute

IRWINDALE, Calif. (AP)—The fiery fight is apparently over between the makers of a popular hot sauce and a small Southern California city that said its factory's smells were unbearable. The Irwindale City Council voted Wednesday night to drop a public nuisance declaration and lawsuit against Huy Fong Foods, makers of Sriracha (suhr-AH'-chuh) hot sauce. The dual moves brought an effective end to the spicy-air dispute that had Sriracha devotees worried about future sauce shortages and had suitors including the state of Texas offering Huy Fong a friendlier home. The closed-session council vote was unanimous with one councilman abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported.

Male student named Connecticut school's prom queen

DANBURY, Conn. (AP)—A 17-year-old boy has been named prom queen at his high school and says he's making a point about gender labeling and discrimination. Nasir Fleming won the title last week at Danbury High School, where he's a popular senior. He was nominated as prom king and as prom queen but decided to be considered only for queen. Fleming told the News Times newspaper for a story on Tuesday that he's been openly gay since sixth grade and has struggled with bullying. He said he isn't sure whether the students who submitted his name were making fun of his sexuality but decided it was a good opportunity to make a point about the importance of being who you are.

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Students return to class after California rampage

GOLETA, Calif. (AP)—Students returned to classes Wednesday at the University of California, Santa Barbara, after the weekend rampage that left six students and their assailant dead and 13 others injured in nearby Isla Vista.

Some people were eager to resume academic routines in the closing days of the quarter. Others still struggled to cope with the tragedy.

"It's kind of a relief to get back together with other people, and to see what the professors have to say," said Kelly Frances Dilnessa, 23, of Oroville. "Sometimes you're walking down the street and you feel like giving everybody a hug."

Some students yelled at reporters to go home or cursed them, but many politely declined to speak as they rushed to class after the holiday weekend and Tuesday's suspension of classes for a memorial observance.

Three students were stabbed to death, three were fatally shot, and 13 others were wounded Friday night in the attack by Elliot Rodger, 22, a community college student who had posted an Internet video outlining his plan to slaughter as many people as possible.

Rodger had legally obtained three semi-automatic handguns and still had 400 unspent rounds of ammunition when he shot himself to death, authorities said.

Sharon Tam, a sociology major from El Monte, said it was a depressing situation.

"I just feel like more insecure, I guess. And I really feel unsafe walking around IV," she said, referring to Isla Vista, the unincorporated off-campus community where many students live.

"I did not like expect this in my life at all to ever occur. Especially like in my community," she said. "I just thought we were all just happy people, I guess."

Thousands mourned the deaths at the memorial service.

Richard Martinez, whose son Christopher Michaels-Martinez, 20, died in the attack, spoke at the memorial. He urged students to fight for tougher gun laws and placed the blame on what he called the inaction of politicians.

"They have done nothing, and that's why Chris died," Martinez said. "It's almost become a normal thing for us to accept this."

He exhorted the crowd to chant "Not one more," in reference to such attacks.

In Sacramento, two California Assembly members proposed legislation on Tuesday that would create a gun violence restraining order that could be sought from a judge by law enforcement at the request of family members and friends.

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World

Ukraine sees Russia as source of insurgent threat

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—As separatists conceded that militants from Russia's province of Chechnya had joined the rebellion, a Ukrainian government official cautioned Wednesday that its borders had become a "front line" in the crisis.

Chechnya's Moscow-backed strongman brushed away allegations he had dispatched paramilitary forces under his command to Ukraine, saying he was powerless to stop fellow Chechens from joining the fight.

While there is no immediate indication that the Kremlin is enabling or supporting combatants from Russia crossing into Ukraine, Moscow may have to dispel suspicions it is waging a proxy war if it is to avoid more Western sanctions.

In a wide-ranging foreign policy speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, President Barack Obama addressed the crisis in Ukraine by saying, "Russia's recent actions recall the days when Soviet tanks rolled into Eastern Europe."

The Kremlin welcomed the election Sunday of billionaire Petro Poroshenko as the president of Ukraine. An advocate of strong ties with Europe, Poroshenko also favors mending relations with Russia.

He replaced the pro-Moscow leader who was driven from office in February. That ouster led to Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in southern Ukraine—which triggered the sanctions—and a violent pro-Moscow insurgency in the east.

Reports circulate almost daily of truckloads of gunmen crossing from Russia, and authorities believe they are a vital reinforcement to the armed rebel force that has repeatedly thwarted government security operations. Intense fighting from a government offensive Monday to dislodge rebels from the Donetsk airport appeared to have died down, with only sporadic violence reported Wednesday.

Ukrainian border service head Mykola Lytvyn said he has deployed all reserves to the eastern and southern frontiers.

After 2 coups in 8 years, fears over Thai future

BANGKOK (AP)—The last time Thailand's army seized power, in 2006, some called it "the smiling coup."

Residents of Bangkok who supported the overthrow of an elected government they accused of corruption poured into the streets, handing out flowers to soldiers who had deployed tanks across this metropolis of glass skyscrapers and ornate Buddhist temples.

It was bloodless, and for a time, it was calm.

Last Thursday, Thailand's army seized power again without firing a shot, overthrowing a popularly elected administration that won a landslide vote three years earlier. The army says it had to act to restore order after seven months of increasingly violent political turbulence. But the aftermath feels much different this time.

Most of the country's ousted government has been detained or is in hiding. Journalists, scholars and politicians are being ordered to surrender at army bases. Activists have fled. The junta chief has issued ominous warnings not to criticize the takeover. A nighttime curfew has been imposed. And protests, though small, have come almost immediately.

Hanging over it all is the threat of serious resistance. The political movements spawned in the aftermath of the 2006 coup—particularly the "Red Shirts" who support the ousted government—had vowed to take action if there was another.

So far, there has been no bloodshed. But as ousted Education Minister Chaturon Chaisang put it Tuesday, shortly before being taken into custody by soldiers at a news conference in Bangkok, "If anyone thinks that the coup will stop all the conflict and the turmoil or violence, they would be wrong."

The May 22 putsch led by Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha "will create more conflict," said Chaturon, the only member of the deposed government who has spoken freely in public since the military took over. "From now on, there will be more and more resistance," he said, adding that if violence erupts, "it will be a disaster for this country."

The junta is trying to silence the critics it has detained by releasing them only if they sign a form agreeing not to do anything "provocative." Violators face two years in jail.

Thai news outlets have been shut down or are practicing self-censorship. The military has said it will crack down on online speech it considers inflammatory. It denied responsibility for a brief and partial shutdown of Facebook in Thailand on Wednesday, but it has begun targeting websites deemed threatening. Among those now blocked: the Thailand page of Human Rights Watch.

WORLD BRIEFS

Egypt: El-Sissi wins election by landslide

CAIRO (AP)—With nearly all votes counted, Egypt's former military chief has won a crushing victory over his sole opponent with more than 92 percent of the votes, according to results announced by his campaign early Thursday. The campaign of retired field marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said he won 23.38 million votes, with left-wing politician Hamdeen Sabahi taking 735,285. Invalid votes were 1.07 million, or nearly 350,000 more than the number of votes for the 59-year-old Sabahi. El-Sissi's win was never in doubt, but the career infantry officer, also 59, had hoped for a strong turnout to bestow legitimacy on his ouster last July of Egypt's first freely elected president, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi.

Pregnant woman stoned to death in Pakistan buried

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A pregnant Pakistani woman beaten and stoned to death by her own family for marrying against their wishes was buried before dawn Wednesday as police pressed a manhunt for those who took part in the so-called "honor killing" outside a courthouse in downtown Lahore. Her father was arrested shortly after the killing on Tuesday, and confessed to having killed his daughter because she had married a man of her choice, defying the family's wishes and conservative norms in the Muslim-majority country. Farzana Parveen, 25, was buried in the presence of some 100 mourners from her husband's family at around 2 a.m. in a village graveyard in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, her husband Mohammad Iqbal said.

Mother, 6 kids die in PH refugee tent fire

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—An overnight fire razed a tent used as a temporary shelter by survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, killing a woman and all six of her children, including a 4-month-old girl, officials in a central Philippine city devastated by the massive storm said Thursday. The tragedy highlights the slow progress in the resettlement of tens of thousands of survivors of Haiyan, which struck more than six months ago and is one of the world's strongest typhoons to make landfall. The fire was caused by a kerosene lamp and quickly consumed the canvas tent just after midnight Tuesday, Tacloban city disaster management officer Derrick Anido said. The shelter was one of 40 in a "tent city" in San Jose district, which was wiped out by tsunami-like storm surges and fierce winds from Typhoon Haiyan in November.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RFP14-GOV-109

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to assess/recommend electrical load calculation, supply and install required ATS, and existing generator and generator house at the Governor's Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package and scope of work will be available on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at the job-site Governor's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or facsimile to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST, June 19, 2014.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a project approach and a schedule of completion, addressing the scope of work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished. The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects	40%
2. Work load and resources to accomplish work in the required time frame	40%
3. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects	20%
4. Cost	0%

Performance time for completion of the AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP14-GOV-109 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS) SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, June 30, 2014. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 30, 2014 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, June 30, 2014, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 9, 2014. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JUANITA MENDIOLA, Plaintiff, vs. SHANGZHE SONG, Defendant) FCD-DI) CIVIL CASE) NO. 14-0192

ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD
(7 CMC § 1301 and 1302)

PURSUANT TO 7 CMC § 1301 and 1302 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make your appearance or file any answer you with to make to the Complaint for Divorce filed with the Commonwealth Superior Court within 30 days from the service date. You are instructed to make your appearance before the Clerk of Courts or mail a copy of your answer to the Complaint for Divorce to Loren A. Sutton, Attorney at Law whose address is P.O. box 5593 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. You may obtain a copy of the Complaint for Divorce by contacting the Plaintiff's counsel of record (Loren A. Sutton-address above).

If you choose to file an answer, your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at the Guma Hostisia, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared by you or your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail.

If you fail to make an appearance or file an answer in accordance with this Order to Appear or Plead a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint for Divorce.

A copy of this order will be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for two consecutive weeks. In addition a copy of this Order shall be posted in two conspicuous places for a period of not less than two weeks.

IT IS SO ORDER on May 21, 2014.

/s/ Hon. Kenneth Govendo
Judge of the Superior Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In re the Guardianship of LILIAN XU, a minor female child, By: QING SHAN ZHENG, Petitioner.) Civil Action) No. 14-0073) **NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER ON GUARDIANSHIP PETITION**) Date: June 10, 2014) Time: 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing on Petitioner Qing Shan Zheng's (Proposed Guardian), Verified Petition to Appoint General Guardians (filed May 20, 2014) to appoint Petitioner Qing Shan Zheng as general guardian of Lilian Xu, a minor female child, is hereby set for **June 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.** at the CNMI Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Courtroom 205. A copy of the Verified Petition to Appoint General Guardian (filed May 20, 2014) is available for review upon request from the Clerk of Court.

FURTHER, PETITIONER ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO: (1) personally serve or serve by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, this notice on all known living parents, grandparents and adult siblings of the minor child; (2) post this notice and order at the courthouse for a period of ten (10) days prior to the above-noticed hearing; and (3) publish this notice and order once before the above-noticed hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth.

SO NOTICED AND ORDERED this 22nd Day of May, 2014.

/s/DAVID A. WISEMAN, Associate Judge
CNMI Superior Court

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TWO (2) METAL SHEET WORKER –
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- Must be knowledgeable in interpretating plans & specifications

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Salary $5.55 - $10.50/Hr.
- Install, service & repair ventillation, central air conditioning & refrigeration systems
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- Perform duties to maintain & clean office & private residence in an ordely manner
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Except for Commercial Cleaner, applicants must possess good communication skill, a minimum 10yr. work experience required.

Application can be obtained from & submitted to JWS AC & Ref Inc's. office at WH-Door 2, Dotse Pl., Beach Rd., Southern Garapan (at the back of Moylan's Insurance) or email to: tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com. Interested applicants may call 670 235 5572/5574.

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (MOWING, TRIMMING AND CLEANING OF GROUNDS) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **May 09, 2014.**

All Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for Grounds Maintenance Services (mowing, trimming and cleaning of grounds of the Saipan International Airport)-Project NO. CPA-RFP-011-14"**. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 06th, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposer will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Departure Building at 10:00 a.m., **Wednesday, May 21st, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions must be in writing and faxed to the Executive Director's Office at (670)234-5962 or via email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals: or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibilities in any act of omission on the part of offerer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offerer's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This **RFP** does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Proposer will be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA Date: April 30, 2014
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-110
Puerto Rico Dump Closure Project

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) office, are soliciting sealed bids for the Puerto Rico Dump Closure Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on Tuesday, June 3, 1014 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building on Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (US $250.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office on Capitol Hill. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the CIP Office followed by a one-time site visit to the Puerto Rico Dump Site Thursday, June 19, 2014. Interested companies who do not attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting will be disqualified from the bidding process. Participants are required to meet promptly at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, 9:00AM ChST, Thursday, June 19, 2014. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Thursday, June 26, 2014 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB14-GOV-110". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00AM, Tuesday, July 15, 2015 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, July 24, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST, Friday, July 25, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will open at 10:30 AM ChST, Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is Five Hundred Forty (540) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be the greater of (i) One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by Five Hundred Forty (540) calendar days, the contract time, and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-14/PORT OF ROTA

AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning May 09, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-010-14" (Port of Rota). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 20, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Rota on **June 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Benjamin Manglona Rota International Airport (CPA) conference room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Rota Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the surveillance cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.
CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the 2012 Port Security Grant Program and CPA.

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/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-14/PORT OF TINIAN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Tinian Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning April 30, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-009-14" (Port of Tinian). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, May 30, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Tinian on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Tinian Airport CPA office. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Tinian Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the cameras are to be installed.

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Off the Wall

Anonymous 'HiddenCash' creates social media frenzy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Someone is dropping envelopes full of cash across San Francisco—and causing an international frenzy on social media.

An anonymous man with the Twitter handle @HiddenCash has been hiding money throughout the city since Friday, leading scores on a scavenger hunt. His Twitter following exploded from a few hundred Friday to more than 80,000 and counting by midday Tuesday.

One of his clues Tuesday told San Francisco followers to "find Mr. Franklin along the 'crookedest street,' (towards the bottom)."

Translation: There was a $100 bill at the bottom of Lombard Street, the popular touristy thoroughfare that's best known as the "Crookedest Street in The World."

Hidden Cash's anonymous creator said his giveaways are a "social experiment for good." He claims to make his money off San Francisco's hot and lucrative real estate market and hopes that winners also "pay it forward."

Two of his winners said Tuesday that they did just that.

Sergio Loza, 28, of San Francisco, said he saw a clue on Twitter Sunday morning with the message "Early bird gets the worm." He raced out and found an envelope with $50 inside taped to a parking meter in the city's Mission District.

Loza said he spent $30 on clothes for his 2-year-old niece's birthday and gave her the remaining $20 as well.

"I didn't spend it on myself," said Loza, a security guard. "It feels good to give, especially in these times."

Adam Wenger, 27, said he won $200 by finding two envelopes about two hours apart Friday in the city's South of Market District. One envelope read, "With Love, from @HiddenCash. Leave $20 somewhere and pay it forward."

Wenger, a web producer for KGO-Radio, bought pizza for his co-workers on Tuesday and plans to pay a $100 parking ticket. "It's crazy," he said.

@HiddenCash said on Twitter that he plans to leave envelopes in San Jose on Wednesday, Los Angeles this weekend and maybe New York City next month. Followers have requested similar gestures in Alabama, Washington, D.C., and as far away as Pakistan with various hashtags ranging from #kindness, #generous, #epic and #strange.

Loza said he sent @HiddenCash "a big shoutout" on Twitter thanking him for the money.

"It's a positive thing. I hope he keeps it up," Loza said. "While you probably can't help the whole world, a few at a time is definitely good."

In Celebration of Her New Life

Irminia Arriola Benavente Cox

Born to life – December 24, 1933 • Called to Eternal Life – May 24, 2014

In her new life she now joins
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She will be greatly missed by her
Children, Grandchildren and Great grandchildren
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Addie L. and Bill Ferguson (Wayne, Alexandria)
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Dolores B. Camacho (Guam) and Family
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Luis A. and Susan Benavente (Washington) and Family

And numerous Nieces, Nephews, Godchildren, Relatives and Friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being said at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary is being said at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.
except for May 30th, 31st and June 1st as follows:
- Friday May 30th – St Jude at 6:30 p.m. (after 6:00 p.m. Mass)
- Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st, St. Jude Church at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, June 2, 2014, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment services.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated. Thank you and Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Children and Families of the late Irminia B. Cox
Michael, Maureen, Randy and Addie

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Nebraska woman wolfs down 4 1/2-pound steaks

AMARILLO, Texas (AP)—A Nebraska woman celebrated breaking a Texas steakhouse's speed record for eating a 4 1/2-pound slab of beef by polishing off another one. The *Amarillo Globe-News* and the Big Texan Steak Ranch's Twitter page say that competitive eater Molly Schuyler finished her first steak in 4 minutes and 58 seconds. The previous record was 8 minutes and 52 seconds. The 5-foot-7, 125-pound mother from Bellevue, Nebraska, ate her second 4 1/2-pound steak in 9 minutes and 59 seconds. The restaurant foots the bill for anyone who can eat one of the steaks, a baked potato, shrimp, a salad and bread roll in under an hour, so Schuyler ate those side dishes as well.

Half-sisters meet for the 1st time, after 85 years

JENKS, Okla. (AP)—A woman in her 80s met her 94-year-old half-sister over the Memorial Day weekend—the first time the siblings had ever set eyes on each other. KOTV reports that 85-year-old Zelda Gates didn't even know she had a half-sister until she read her father's will. On Monday, Gates finally met Reta Knight, her older half-sister, in Jenks, about 12 miles south of Tulsa. Knight says her father left her and her mother and she always wondered why. She says her mother was evasive when she asked, so she didn't push the subject. Family members used old pictures and online genealogy resources to make sure of the connection. Gates says meeting her sister for the first time was wonderful. She noted that the two look alike too.

Burn victim douses self with Slurpees at 7-Eleven

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)—Things were quiet at a convenience store in Southern Oregon when a tattooed man came in and started dousing himself with Hawaiian Punch Slurpees. *The Grants Pass Daily Courie* reports the man had suffered burns and was being chased by two others Tuesday afternoon when he ran into the 7-Eleven store in downtown Grants Pass. Store clerk Charlie Bentley says he didn't know what was going on, but he and another employee kept the two pursuers outside while the man filled his shirt from the Slurpee machine and rubbed the icy concoction on his skin. Police say they traced the disturbance back to a residence a few blocks away, where a man and a woman were burned with hot oil during a dispute between neighbors.

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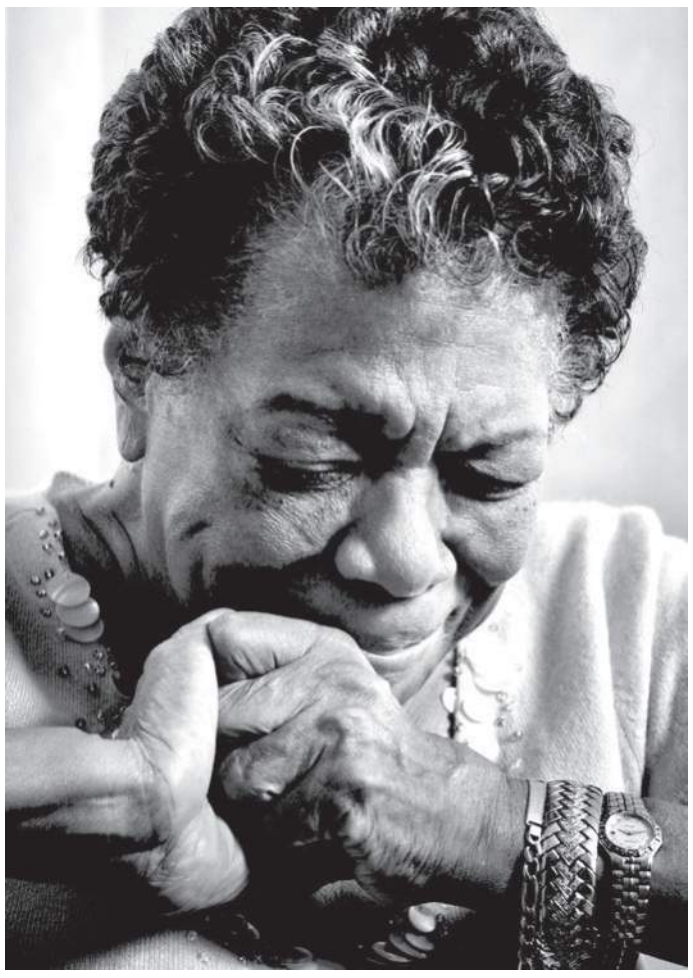
Life & Style

Maya Angelou, celebrated poet and author, dies



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In this photo taken on Nov. 15, 2005, poet and author Maya Angelou smiles during an interview in Santa Monica, Calif.

NEW YORK (AP)—Maya Angelou's story awed millions. A childhood victim of rape, she broke through silence and shame to tell her tale in one of the most widely read memoirs of the 20th century. A black woman born into poverty and segregation, she recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no modesty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility comes from the inside out."

Angelou, a renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was 86.

"She lived a life as a teacher, activist, artist and human being. She was a warrior for equality, tolerance and peace," said her son, Guy B. Johnson.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, she was unforgettable whether encountered in person, through sound or the printed word. She was an actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s and made a brave and sensational debut as an author in 1969 with "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading and made Angelou one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream literary success.

"Caged Bird" was the start of a multipart autobiography that continued through the decades and captured a life of hopeless obscurity and triumphant, kaleidoscopic fame.

The world was watching in 1993 when she read her cautiously hopeful "On the Pulse of Morning" at President Bill Clinton's first inauguration. Her confident performance openly delighted Clinton and made publishing history by making a poem a best-seller. For President George W. Bush, she read another poem, "Amazing Peace," at the 2005 Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the White House. Presidents honored her in return with a National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor. In 2013, she received an honorary National Book Award.

She called herself a poet, in love with the "sound of language," "the music in language," as she explained to the AP in 2013. But she lived so many lives. She was a wonder to Toni Morrison, who marveled at Angelou's freedom from inhibition, her willingness to celebrate her own achievements. She was a mentor to Oprah Winfrey, whom she befriended when Winfrey was still a local television reporter, and often appeared on her friend's talk show program. She mastered several languages and published not just poetry but advice books, cookbooks and children's stories. She wrote music, plays and screenplays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in "Roots," and never lost her passion for dance, the art she considered closest to poetry.

"The line of the dancer: If you watch (Mikhail) Baryshnikov and you see that line, that's what the poet tries for. The poet tries for the line, the balance," she told The Associated Press in 2008, shortly before her 80th birthday.

Her very name was a reinvention. Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis and raised in Stamps, Arkansas, and San Francisco, moving back and forth between her parents and her grandmother. She was smart and fresh to the point of danger, packed off by her family to California after sassing a white store clerk in Arkansas. Other times, she didn't speak at all: At age 7, she was raped by her mother's boyfriend and didn't talk for years. She learned by reading, and listening.

"I loved the poetry that was sung in the black church: `Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,'" she told the AP. "It just seemed to me the most wonderful way of talking. And `Deep River.' Ooh! Even now it can catch me. And then I started reading, really reading, at about 7 1/2, because a woman in my town took me to the library, a black school library. ... And I read every book, even if I didn't understand it."

At age 9, she was writing poetry. By 17, she was a single mother. In her early 20s, she danced at a strip joint, ran a brothel, got married and then divorced. But by her mid-20s, she was performing at the Purple Onion in San Francisco, where she shared billing with another future star, Phyllis Diller. She also spent a few days with Billie Holiday, who was kind enough to sing a lullaby to Angelou's son, surly enough to heckle her off the stage and astute enough to tell her: "You're going to be famous. But it won't be for singing."

After renaming herself Maya Angelou for the stage ("Maya" was a childhood nickname, "Angelou" a variation of her husband's name), she toured in "Porgy and Bess" and Jean Genet's "The Blacks" and danced with Alvin Ailey. She worked as a coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and lived for years in Egypt and Ghana, where she met Nelson Mandela, a longtime friend; and Malcolm X, to whom she remained close until his assassination, in 1965.

In Humble Gratitude

We are blessed with God's gift of family and friends who have come to us from far and near and shared with us the mourning of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister…

†Maria Atalig Ulloa Maratita

The overwhelming of your support and thoughtfulness in expressing your sympathy and condolences have greatly helped us in bearing the sorrow of our great loss. Your words of comfort have given us the strength and courage to let go and entrust the Lord our beloved, where she now dwells in eternal life in His lovely and promised paradise.

We would like to thank deeply from our hearts Father Issac Ayuyu for presiding over the celebration of Mass of Christian Burial and Fr. Rey Rozal, Fr. Dodoy Teclic, Fr.Tinong Daynos and most of all to Fr. Romil Aperocho who compassionately cared for the spiritual needs of our mother.

Thank you for being with us during the daily Mass of Intentions and nightly rosaries and especially during the Mass of Christian Burial.

We extend our appreciation to the Doctors, nurses and staff of CHCC for all their assistance and the comfort given to our beloved mother while confined in the hospital. Our special thanks to the members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for their presence and participation headed by Mrs. Rose Magofna.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase to the Thaddeus Choir and the Oloomwaay Family Choir headed by Gus Kaipat for the beautiful serenade during the viewing of our beloved mother.

To all who have helped us in one way or another, Thank you. As you have remembered our mother in your prayers, we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Oloomwaay and Thank you

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From the Children and families of the late †Pedro Songao Maratita and †Maria Atalig Ulloa Maratita
Ed, Mel, Gloria, Vicky, Lis, Del, Mona, Janet, John, Ben, Rose, and Dexter

Stars campaign to keep kid shots out of media

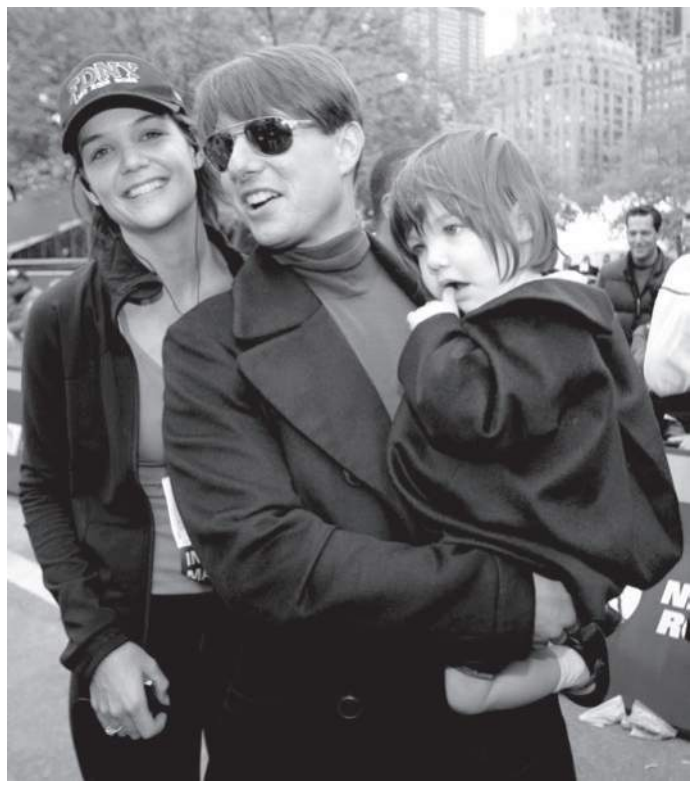
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Suri Cruise did not ask for fame. Yet she's been chased by cameras practically from birth, with no choice in the matter, because her parents are Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes.

Kristen Bell is exasperated just thinking about it. "Suri Cruise is not fictional. She's a real little girl ... and it's just not fair," Bell says.

The 33-year-old actress and mother has been leading a growing movement among Hollywood stars aimed at reducing media demand for paparazzi images of celebrity kids and she's using the plight of 8-year-old Suri as an example.

Launched in January, Bell's No Kids Policy gained almost instant traction by hitting the entertainment media where it hurts: celebrity access, which translates into viewers, readers and profits.

Bell got a bunch of stars, from Jennifer Aniston to Jennifer Lawrence, who agreed to decline interviews with TV and text outlets that use paparazzi photos or video of children that were taken without their parents' consent. Then she met with entertainment media executives and told them either agree to her No Kids Policy or celebs will stay away.



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In this Nov. 4, 2007 file photo, actress Katie Holmes, husband Tom Cruise, center, and their daughter Suri pose for a photograph after Holmes finished running the New York City Marathon in New York.

Now, through upcoming media interviews and meetings with "mommy bloggers," Bell is taking her cause direct to consumers, asking them to consider the circumstances around the starry images that beckon at grocery check stands.

"There is no way for a child to wrap their head around the fact that they are a cog in this machine," Bell said in a recent interview. "All they experience is the predatory sense of being hunted."

And the actress would sooner quit the business than subject her 11-month-old daughter, Lincoln, to such a media scrum.

"I like being an actress very much," she said, "but I love being a mother and it is a very clear decision which one I would choose."

Bell and her famous colleagues can't outright refuse interviews as they leverage the power of celebrity to stomp out invasive imagery of kids; contracts typically obligate them to promote their movies and shows. But they can be picky about which outlets they'll work with.

Star-driven shows and magazines such as "Entertainment Tonight" and Us Weekly, which rely on images from freelance photographers and independent photo agencies to help illustrate their stories, say it's easy to support Bell's effort. But their interpretations of compliance vary.

"Entertainment Tonight" executive producer Brad Bessey said he would not use paparazzi-generated photos of celebrity kids under any circumstances, while Us Weekly editor-in-chief Mike Steele might consider such images in cases of breaking news involving the children.

Steele said the new policy hasn't impacted editorial operations at the magazine, other than requiring an extra step to get consent from celebrity parents before publishing images of their kids. Some agree and some don't, he said.

Chicago-area woman goes for 18th 'Jeopardy!' win

CHICAGO (AP)—Julia Collins predicted in her eighth grade school yearbook that she would someday be a "Jeopardy!" champion. She has made good on her prediction, and then some.

On the episode that aired Tuesday, the 31-year-old resident of the Chicago suburb of Wilmette became the third person in "Jeopardy!" history to win as many as 17 consecutive non-tournament games, earning her a total of $372,700 and making her the show's winningest female contestant .

"I went into this feeling like I could win a show and put in a good effort ... but this, it's kind of a daydream come true," Collins said Tuesday.

Collins' appearances on the show also answer another question all but her closest friends and family who watched some of the shows being taped had about why she didn't seem stressed about quitting her consulting job or in a hurry to find work.

Collins

"I did a lot of hemming and hawing about why I was less aggressive than I could have been," said Collins, explaining that she was prohibited by the show from talking about the program at all between mid-January, when she started taping them, and April, when they started to air, or the $10,000 to $35,000 she was winning a day.

Sworn to secrecy about shows that haven't aired, she won't say if she wins her 18th straight game, which airs Wednesday, or whether she will go for the 19th win on Thursday's show, which would tie her for second all-time in consecutive wins. Her chuckle, however, suggests she hasn't caught the all-time winningest contestant, Ken Jennings, who won 74 straight games.

That's not to say she hasn't had plenty to say about the show. She has posted dozens of tweets about shows as they've aired, confessing she made a mathematical error when deciding how much she could bet on Final Jeopardy and still win with a wrong answer even if another contestant got it right. She mentioned questions that as an art history major, she couldn't believe she got wrong, as well as one she got right, "Who was Lucian Freud?"

"I think Alex (the show's host, Alex Trebek) was impressed with that one," she said.

One Direction's lawyers looking into leaked video

NEW YORK (AP)—A representative for One Direction says the band's lawyers are dealing with a video showing two band members smoking what the singers referred to as an "illegal substance."

British tabloid *The Daily Mail* posted the clip Tuesday of Zayn Malik smoking and speaking with Louis Tomlinson, who is filming the video.

"This matter is in the hands of our lawyers," their publicist said Wednesday.

In the video, 22-year-old Tomlinson says "joint lit, happy days," and asks his bandmate, "What do you think Zayn about that kind of content?" The 21-year-old Malik responds: "Very controversial."

Tomlinson says they are in Peru. The British boy band, on an international tour, stopped in Lima, Peru, last month.

The video led some angry fans to post photos of them burning One Direction's concert tickets. The platinum-selling group has achieved worldwide success since debuting in 2011, thanks to a feverish fan base made up of young girls. Their hits include "What Makes You Beautiful," ''Best Song Ever" and "Story of My Life."

The group was set to perform Wednesday night in Sunderland, United Kingdom.

AP

This Nov. 3, 2013 file photo shows One Direction members Louis Tomlinson, left, and Zayn Malik during an event for their film "One Direction: This Is US," in Makuhari, near Tokyo, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

Tomlinson and Malik reference drugs in a number of ways in the five-minute clip. Tomlinson says "Mary J" is part of Malik's warm-up routine before a show, appearing to reference Mary Jane, another word for marijuana. The singers also acknowledge police officers riding on bikes next to their car, where they are in the back seat.

"He's thinking, 'I'm sure I can smell an illegal substance in there,'" Tomlinson says. "And he's hit the nail on the head."

When asked about the video, singer-actress Demi Lovato—who has struggled with an eating disorder, cutting and other issues—wouldn't comment directly but said it's difficult trying to live up to expectations from fans and the public.

"It's hard because there is a lot of pressure on you as an artist. ... Sometimes I feel like the more I try to please other people, the less I'm myself," the 21-year-old said Wednesday. "What I've learned over the past few years is to just be who I am and if people don't like it, (expletive) it. This is who I am."

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/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, hereby request for proposals to lease and/or develop the following properties:

1. Lot Number 090 E 03; containing an area of approximately 3,562 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area
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Proposal requirements can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning April 30, 2014, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the Enforcement/Lease Compliance Officer at (670) 237-6500. Interested parties are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the sites listed above.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposals to Lease and/or Develop CPA Property CPA-RFP-008-14". Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of its proposal no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 30, 2014.**

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50 Cent not on money with 1st pitch at Citi Field

AP

50 Cent throws out the ceremonial first pitch before a baseball game between the New York Mets and the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—50 Cent was on the mound, but not on the money.

The rap star was comically off target when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch Tuesday night before the Pittsburgh Pirates played the New York Mets at Citi Field.

Standing on the rubber 60 feet, 6 inches from home plate, 50 Cent wound up and launched a left-handed toss that sailed way wide of Mets catcher Anthony Recker. The ball bounced to the backstop and nearly nicked a cameraman standing not all that far from the Mets' on-deck circle as 50 Cent and New York pitcher Jonathon Niese both smiled.

Wearing a Mets jersey with No. 50 and the name Jackson on the back, 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III, held a bat as he posed for pictures with Curtis Granderson and other Mets on the field during batting practice.

50 Cent was born in nearby South Jamaica and has a postgame concert at Citi Field scheduled for June 14.

O'Reilly book to examine George Patton's death

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News host Bill O'Reilly's fourth book in his multimillion-selling history series will examine the mysterious death surrounding famed World War II Gen. George Patton.

Stephen Rubin, president and publisher of Henry Holt and Company, announced Wednesday that "Killing Patton" will be published on Sept. 23. Martin Dugard will be the co-author.

Patton was a charismatic yet controversial commander who led an armored drive across France and into Nazi Germany after the invasion of Normandy. He died following an automobile accident in 1945.

O'Reilly's previous history series best-sellers include "Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot," "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever" and "Killing Jesus: A History."

Brad Pitt attacked at 'Maleficent' premiere

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man was led away in handcuffs after allegedly attacking Brad Pitt on the red carpet at the Hollywood premiere of the movie "Maleficent." Pitt was apparently unhurt and soon resumed signing autographs.

Witnesses saw the man from the fan area jump over a barrier on to the red carpet Wednesday at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood and rush at Pitt, touching him briefly before security guards wrestled him back across the barrier.

A police spokeswoman says the man, whose name she did not know, was arrested on suspicion of battery.

Pitt kept greeting fans and walked into the theater.

Pitt's longtime partner Angelina Jolie stars in "Maleficent," Disney's new live action spin on "Sleeping Beauty."

Email messages left for representatives for Pitt and Disney were not immediately returned.

AP

Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt arrive at the world premiere of "Maleficent" at the El Capitan Theatre on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Casey Kasem's wife ordered to appear in court

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP)—The wife of ailing radio personality Casey Kasem has been ordered to appear in Kitsap County, Washington, court on Friday in an ongoing dispute with a stepdaughter who has been given authority to determine whether her father is receiving adequate medical care.

The 82-year-old Kasem and his wife, Jean, have been staying with family friends in Kitsap County.

The documents delivered Wednesday to Jean Kasem by Kitsap County sheriff's officers warn that her failure to appear on Friday could lead to a warrant for her arrest.

Jean Kasem was not immediately reachable for comment.

A spokesman for Kerri Kasem has said she has a Washington state court order that allows her to see her father.

Casey Kasem gained fame with his radio music countdown shows, "American Top 40" and "Casey's Top 40," and he was the voice of Shaggy in the cartoon "Scooby Doo."

Fox News hires 'Clueless' star Dash as commentator

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox News Channel has gone Hollywood for its latest hire. The news network is bringing on actress Stacey Dash as a paid contributor.

Dash is known for her roles in the "Clueless" movie and television series. The black actress landed on the political radar for endorsing Republican Mitt Romney over Democrat Barack Obama in the last presidential election. She was heavily criticized in the black community for supporting the white candidate.

Fox News programming executive Bill Shine said Wednesday that Dash will offer cultural analysis and commentary across several of the network's programs.

Fox and the other cable news networks have been slumping in the ratings with a relatively slow news stretch this year.

Fox's list of contributors includes Karl Rove, James Carville, George Will, Dennis Miller and Sarah Palin.

Family wishes woman would give tanning beds a rest

Dear Abby

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I love my daughter-in-law and I am afraid she is harming herself because of her addiction to tanning. Her boys are in high school and cannot remember their mother without a really dark tan. One son told his classmates in grade school that his mother was African-American when they were doing African-American studies. (She's Caucasian.)

My son says he cannot convince her to "lighten up" a bit. I don't know what to do. I am ...

SO CONCERNED FOR HER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SO CONCERNED: You are right to be concerned for your daughter-in-law. For years, dermatologists have cautioned the public about the dangers of exposure to the sun. With the invention of tanning beds, the rates of melanoma among young people have soared. For anyone who isn't aware, melanoma is an aggressive type of skin cancer that can be fatal.

Tanning can be addictive, and you should urge your daughter-in-law to discuss this with a dermatologist. Because tanning also causes premature aging of the skin, she should explore "sunless tanning," which is much safer.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 18. My boyfriend, "Matt," and I have been together for a year and a half, and I'm leaving for college this fall. Matt will be attending community college nearby.

I have been told that the next four years are the best years of life, and I want to live them to the fullest. In order to do that, I want to be single so I can have a good time and be a little reckless without worrying about him.

I love Matt and would one day like to marry him, but since he's only my third boyfriend, I want to find out what other fish are in the sea before I settle down. What should I do?

WANTS THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

DEAR WANTS THE BEST: The kindest thing to do would be to tell Matt that while you care deeply for him, because you are going to be separated for the next four years, you feel both of you should be free to date others. That's a lot more tactful than saying you'll still be there if there aren't any bigger fish in the sea, and I'm sure it will get the idea across.

Whether or not the next four years will be the best years of your life—one would hope you have more than four—they will be an important growth period for both you and Matt, and each of you should explore them to the fullest without being encumbered.

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DEAR ABBY: We play softball at school a lot, and I can't play well. I don't know what to do, and the others laugh at me. What should I do?

ANXIOUS FOR ADVICE

DEAR ANXIOUS: I know of no athlete, amateur or professional, who can become proficient at a sport without lots of practice. Talk to your coach about what you need to do to improve, and see if another adult would be willing to play catch and pitch to you. If you keep trying, you will improve. If not, there may be another sport you will like better.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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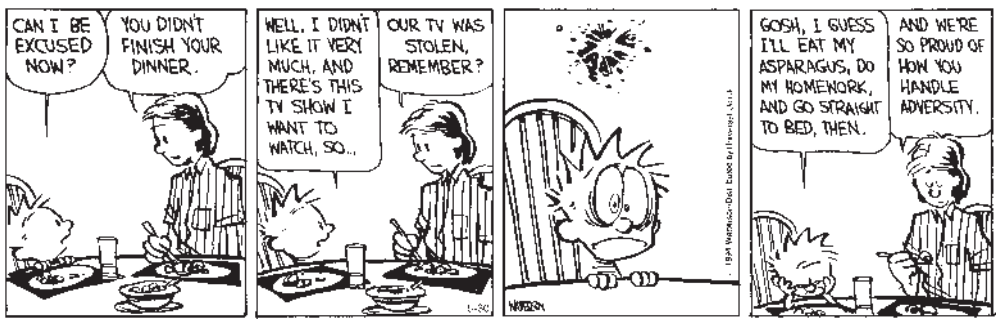
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CAN I BE EXCUSED NOW?
YOU DIDN'T FINISH YOUR DINNER.
WELL, I DIDN'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH, AND THERE'S THIS TV SHOW I WANT TO WATCH, SO...
OUR TV WAS STOLEN, REMEMBER?
GOSH, I GUESS I'LL EAT MY ASPARAGUS, DO MY HOMEWORK, AND GO STRAIGHT TO BED, THEN.
AND WE'RE SO PROUD OF HOW YOU HANDLE ADVERSITY.

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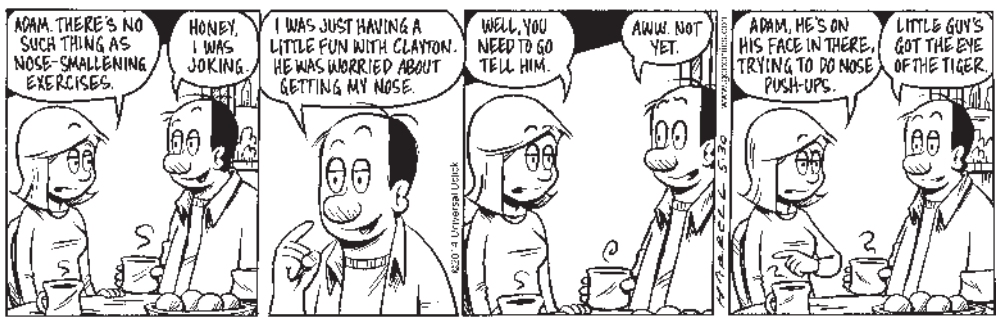
ADAM, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS NOSE-SMALLENING EXERCISES.
HONEY, I WAS JOKING.
I WAS JUST HAVING A LITTLE FUN WITH CLAYTON. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT GETTING MY NOSE.
WELL, YOU NEED TO GO TELL HIM.
AWW. NOT YET.
ADAM, HE'S ON HIS FACE IN THERE, TRYING TO DO NOSE PUSH-UPS.
LITTLE GUY'S GOT THE EYE OF THE TIGER.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

Remember me? Eno Camino? I sat behind you in the third grade.
No.
Remember? I had a star trek lunch box. I won the spelling bee, good at dodgeball...
Were you the kid who got the crayon stuck up his nose?
I was getting to that.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Caught ya!"
4 Apportion (out)
8 Freeway access
12 GPS display
13 Valhalla VIP
14 Met melody
15 Moving along slowly
17 Penny
18 Bird food
19 Take to the ice
20 Monopoly building
22 Puzzle feature
24 Caspian feeder
25 Farmer's chore
29 Wrestling surface
30 Targets for some kicks
31 Neither mate
32 In supplication
34 Diamond corner
35 Show stubbornness
36 Cagney's partner
37 Pat down
40 Saucy
41 Mineral deposit
42 Pipes and such
46 "— want for Christmas ..."
47 San —, Italy
48 Japanese sash
49 Rind
50 Arabian gulf
51 Run-down horse

DOWN
1 Pump up the volume
2 "2001" computer
3 Religious defector
4 Prototype
5 Tend manuscripts
6 Can matter
7 U.K. lang.
8 Din
9 Vicinity
10 Mouthwash flavor
11 Party spread
16 One-on-one battle
19 Gets some rays
20 Camel feature
21 Exam format
22 Toasting sound
23 Singer k.d.
25 "Modern Family" husband
26 Nothing doing?
27 Beezer
28 "Riders of the Purple Sage" writer
30 Neb. neighbor
33 Engage in rappelling (Brit.)
34 Zinger
36 Air freshener scent
37 Envelope part
38 Characterization
39 Cleese cohort
40 Cougar
42 Expert
43 Moon vessel
44 Cagers' org.
45 Showbiz job

Solution time: 25 mins.

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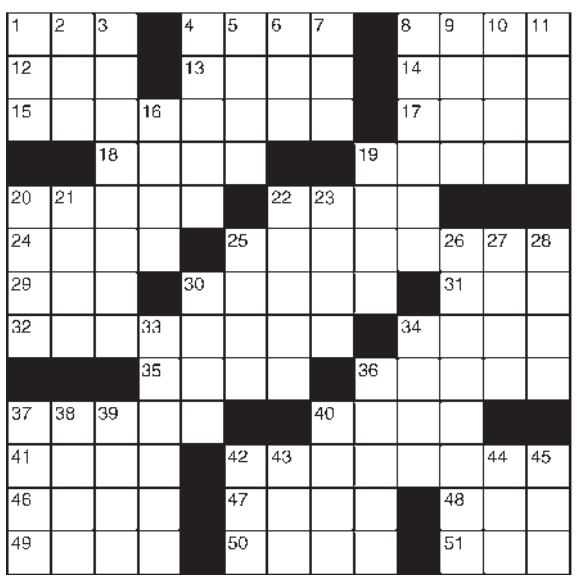
Yesterday's answer 5-30



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Clint Bowyer, 35; Cee Lo Green, 40; Idina Menzel, 43; Wynonna Judd, 50

Happy Birthday: You see situations clearly and must act on your instincts. Laboring over tedious details will not help you reach your goals. Following your inner voice can lead to your advancement personally and professionally. This is not the year to stagnate or put up with situations that will never change. Don't follow the crowd; be a leader. Your numbers are 4, 13, 20, 27, 33, 35, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Pursue causes that mean a lot to you. If you don't get the response you want, find another way to follow through with your plans. Put love and romance at the top of your to-do list. Affectionate gestures will enhance your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Pursuing your ideas can lead to a better life. Broaden your horizons and consider ways to make your home more conducive to achieving your goals. Clear away a workspace that will help you develop something you want to explore. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Rethink your personal situation. Making minor adjustments can lead to greater happiness. Speak your mind, but don't make demands. Focus on what works for you and let everyone else follow his or her own path. Get in touch with someone from your past. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Keep your life simple. Don't overdo or overspend. Problems with partners will arise if you aren't willing to compromise. Don't argue—it's a waste of time that could be put to better use. Hold off making domestic changes. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your unique ideas will impress whomever you encounter. Volunteer for something that interests you and you will meet people who inspire you. Travel will be fun, but don't go over budget. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't take on anything you don't think you can finish. Be open and honest in your assessments and discuss what you feel is reasonable before you make a commitment. Love is on the rise, and sharing your feelings will help you improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take on a challenge that interests you, and you will meet intriguing people and discover attributes you didn't realize you had. Let go of the past and refuse to let a difficult personal situation stop you from having fun. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take the plunge and become immersed in activities and places that you feel drawn to. Let your creative imagination run wild and you will find answers to situations that have baffled you in the past. Live, love and be happy. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Put muscle behind whatever you want to see happen. Taking an active role will help you make personal changes that will add to your comfort and ease your stress. Don't fight a losing battle; make positive changes. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Proceed with caution and avoid unnecessary mishaps. Arguments are likely to flare up if you disagree with a friend or neighbor. Listen carefully and try to find a compromise. Keep the peace if possible, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Take on a new challenge and you will feel good about your accomplishments. Getting together with good friends or doing things with youngsters will spark an idea that can change the way you live or how you earn your living. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Do your best to stifle bad habits. Self- and home-improvements will help build your confidence and boost your reputation. Don't hesitate to ask for a favor. You'll form a close bond with whoever assists you. Love is on the rise. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have clarity and insight. You are thoughtful and compassionate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/30

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	6	8	7	5	1	3	4	9
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6	1	3	5	9	2	8	7	4
7	5	2	8	1	4	9	3	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/29

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE FRENCH OPEN **Solution: 9 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Strong

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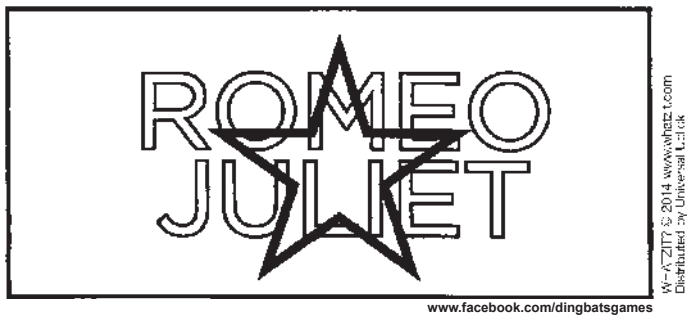

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Howard's 3-run HR lifts Phillies over Rockies

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Ryan Howard hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Rockies in the National League on Wednesday.

Chase Utley hit a tying, RBI single off Boone Logan before Howard drove one out to left-center for his fifth career walk-off homer.

Closer La Troy Hawkins (2-1) got the first out in the ninth before Tony Gwynn Jr. reached on second baseman D.J. LeMahieu's throwing error. Ben Revere then followed with a single to right before Logan entered and allowed Utley's line-drive single to right that scored Gwynn.

Howard then connected on a 2-2 pitch for his ninth homer.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-1) tossed a perfect ninth for the win.

AP

Philadelphia Phillies' A.J. Burnett, right, tries to hit Ryan Howard with a towel of shaving cream after Howard's game-winning three-run home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Wednesday, May 28, 2014, in Philadelphia.

Brewers 8, Orioles 3

In Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo earned a victory with his arm a day after getting a win with his bat as Milwaukee overcame two home runs by Nelson Cruz to beat Baltimore in an interleague matchup.

Ryan Braun hit an early two-run double and Khris Davis added a three-run homer in the eighth.

Cruz hit two solo shots and leads Major League Baseball with 19 home runs.

On Tuesday night, Gallardo delivered a game-winning RBI double as a pinch-hitter in the 10th inning.

Back on the mound, Gallardo (3-3) gave up three runs on four hits and five walks in 6 2-3 innings. He also went 1 for 2 at the plate.

Braun's double in the second inning helped the Brewers build a 4-1 lead against Bud Norris (3-5).

Diamondbacks 12, Padres 6

In Phoenix, Chase Anderson became the first Arizona pitcher to win his first three career starts and the Diamondbacks set a first-inning team scoring record with eight runs on eight hits.

Rookie Tommy Medica fell a single shy of becoming the first Padre to hit for the cycle.

Prado and Paul Goldschmidt both hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs for Arizona. Diamondbacks rookie Chris Owings had his first MLB four-hit game.

Arizona, taking two of three from the Padres, chased starter Tim Stauffer (2-1) after one-third of an inning.

Anderson (3-0) got big support for the second straight outing. The Diamondbacks scored 18 runs for him in his previous start.

Reds 3, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer against Clayton Kershaw and Homer Bailey pitched seven effective innings to lead Cincinnati.

Bailey (5-3) allowed two runs and five hits while striking out six.

Yasiel Puig, who has reached base safely in 29 straight games, led off the Dodgers' sixth with an opposite-field homer to right-center that narrowed the gap to 3-2.

But former Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton retired Puig and Hanley Ramirez on flyballs for the last two outs in the eighth after replacing Manny Parra with a runner at second, and Aroldis Chapman pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save.

Kershaw (3-2) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings and struck out nine.

Giants 5, Cubs 0

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum and five relievers combined on a two-hitter for San Francisco.

Lincecum struck out five, walked four and hit a batter in another wild but effective start. George Kontos (1-0) retired four straight before John Baker singled to right with one out in the seventh against lefty Jeremy Affeldt for Chicago's first hit.

The Cubs have the longest streak in MLB without being no-hit. The last time it happened to them was 1965, when Sandy Koufax pitched a perfect game for the Dodgers.

Hector Sanchez hit a two-run double, and three others drove in a run to help the Giants (34-19) extend the best record in the majors. San Francisco has won six of seven after holding the Cubs scoreless in consecutive games.

Edwin Jackson (3-5) gave up two runs on four hits in 5 1-3 innings for the Cubs, who have not won a road series since last September. He struck out nine and walked two.

Yankees 7, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Hiroki Kuroda snapped an 11-start road winless streak and Jacoby Ellsbury helped build an early lead with three hits and three RBIs in his first three at-bats for New York.

John Ryan Murphy added two RBIs for the Yankees, who took two of three without an appearance from Mark Teixeira, who is nursing a sore wrist, and wrapped up a 5-4 trip. Catcher Brian McCann made his first career start at first base in the finale.

Shelby Miller (6-4) allowed a career-worst seven runs and nine hits in five innings for St. Louis. Kolten Wong had a career-best four hits and an RBI, Matt Carpenter doubled twice with an RBI and Yadier Molina had two hits and two walks, but the Cardinals stranded 13 runners.

Kuroda (4-3) allowed three runs in 5 2-3 innings for his first road victory since last July 25 at Texas. He had been 0-7 since then, the longest drought of his career but is 1-1 away from Yankee Stadium this year.

Marlins 8, Nationals 5, 10 innings

In Washington, Casey McGehee's fourth hit of the game drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and Reed Johnson doubled home two more for Miami.

Ed Lucas singled off Jerry Blevins (2-2) to open the 10th and Christian Yelich walked. After Derek Dietrich bunted the runners over, the Nationals intentionally walked Giancarlo Stanton.

McGehee then lined a single off the base of the wall in left, scoring Lucas, while Yelich stopped at third. Johnson then doubled, scoring Yelich and Stanton to make it 7-4. Donovan Solano then singled home the eighth run.

Kevin Slowey (1-0) worked one inning for the win and Steve Cishek pitched the 10th, allowing one run.

Mets 5, Pirates 0

In New York, Bartolo Colon carried a three-hitter into the eighth inning and New York got home runs from David Wright and Lucas Duda in a victory over sloppy Pittsburgh.

Colon (4-5) struck out a season-high nine in his second consecutive win, and Wright added an RBI single during an eventful afternoon. He also stole a base, made two throwing errors and robbed Andrew McCutchen of extra bases with a diving play at third.

New York salvaged the final two games of a 4-5 homestand after firing batting coach Dave Hudgens and replacing him with Lamar Johnson.

The Mets won the series against Pittsburgh for their first back-to-back victories at home since a three-game streak from April 23-25.

Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

In Toronto, pinch-runner Kevin Pillar scored the winning run on a throwing error by pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo and the Toronto Blue Jays won their ninth straight game and completed a sweep of Tampa Bay, beating the Rays.

Dioner Navarro singled to begin the ninth and was replaced by Pillar. Oviedo fielded Anthony Gose's bunt along the first base line and threw wildly to first, with the ball rolling into foul territory down the right field line. Pillar was then waved home by third base coach Luis Rivera and slid home safely under the tag of catcher Ali Solis.

Aaron Loup (2-1) worked one inning for the win as Toronto won for the 14th time in 16 games.

Oviedo (1-1) faced just two batters.

Red Sox 4, Braves 0

In Boston, John Lackey pitched neatly into the seventh inning as the Red Sox beat the Braves, their third straight victory after their longest losing streak in 20 years.

Jackie Bradley Jr., A.J. Pierzynski and Jonny Gomes each had had two hits and an RBI as the Red Sox extended their mastery over the Braves after beating them in Atlanta on Monday and Tuesday nights. Boston is 18-6 since 2005 against Atlanta.

Lackey (6-3) combined with three relievers for Boston's first shutout of the season. He gave up eight hits, struck out nine and walked none in 6 1-3 innings.

Boston's winning string has come after a 10-game skid.

Rangers 1, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Joe Saunders made an impressive return to the Texas rotation and Luis Sardinas drove in the only run of the game to lift the Rangers to a victory over the Twins.

Saunders gave up five hits and struck out six in five innings after being activated from the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day.

Sardinas had a two-out single off struggling Twins reliever Jared Burton (1-2) in the seventh inning to help propel the Rangers to their seventh win in the past 10 games.

Kyle Gibson gave up six hits and struck out four in six scoreless innings, but the Twins left nine runners on base and went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position. Joe Mauer went 0 for 4.

White Sox 3, Indians 2

In Chicago, Moises Sierra drove in the winning run with a single in the ninth inning, and the White Sox beat the Indians to complete a three-game sweep.

Chicago's Hector Noesi and Cleveland's T.J. House each came through with dominant starts. The Indians' Jason Giambi hit his 440th homer, but the White Sox came away with their seventh win in 10 games.

The Indians had just scored a run in the top of the ninth off Ronald Belisario (3-3) when the White Sox answered in the bottom half against Bryan Shaw (1-1).

Third baseman Mike Aviles bounced the throw to first on Tyler Flowers' leadoff grounder. Pinch-runner Leury Garcia stole second and moved up on a fly by Marcus Semien before Sierra won it with a single to right on a 3-2 pitch, getting mobbed at first base by teammates.

Astros 9, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Chris Carter hit two home runs and George Springer set a rookie club record for homers in a month as the Astros beat the Royals for their fifth straight win.

The Astros, with the worst record in the AL, won three times in Kansas City for their first sweep of the season.

Houston's winning streak is its longest since a six-game string that ended last June 3.

The Royals have lost four in a row.

Athletics 3, Tigers 1

In Oakland, California, Josh Donaldson hit a game-ending, three-run homer off Joe Nathan with one out in the ninth inning and Scott Kazmir pitched his first complete game in nearly eight years as the Athletics rallied past the Tigers.

Anibal Sanchez was in command, allowing only two hits as he took a shutout bid into the ninth inning before Oakland rallied to hand the Tigers their eighth loss in 10 games.

Coco Crisp got it started with one out when he hit an opposite-field double just inside the third-base line that ended Sanchez's night after 111 pitches.

John Jaso greeted Nathan with a single off third baseman Nick Castellanos' glove before Donaldson hit a towering drive into the left-field seats for his second career walk-off homer.

Nathan (2-1) blew his fourth save in 16 chances.

Mariners 3, Angels 1

In Seattle, Felix Hernandez took a shutout bid into the ninth inning, coming within one out of his first complete game since August 2012 as the Mariners beat the Angels.

Mike Zunino homered and drove in all of Seattle's runs.

Hernandez (7-1) became the seventh pitcher in Mariners history with seven victories before June 1. He won his fourth consecutive start with his most dominant performance of the season.

Zunino gave Hernandez the lead with a two-out, two-run single in the second inning. He led off the eighth with a home run against C.J. Wilson (6-4).

Pacers keep hope alive with 93-90 win over Heat

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Paul George and the Pacers got one win Wednesday night.

Now comes the hard part: Winning an elimination game at Miami against LeBron James and the Heat.

George scored 21 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter and inspired his teammates to withstand the Heat's frantic late charge to help keep the Pacers' once-promising season alive with a 93-90 victory in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We have to go and basically do the impossible, which is go down there and beat them in front of an unbelievable crowd with unbelievable energy and knowing that LeBron is going to come back and try to respond," Pacers forward David West said after finishing with 19 points and nine rebounds. "We've got an ultimate challenge in front of us. I think guys are up for it."

While George fell just short of his career playoff high (39) and four points short of Reggie Miller's franchise record for points in an NBA playoff game, he also had six rebounds, six steals and only three turnovers in 45 minutes. And he helped limit James to a career playoff-low seven points in 24 1/2 minutes, largely because the four-time MVP spent most of the night in foul trouble.

AP

Indiana Pacers forward Paul George (24) shoots over Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade during the second half of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Indianapolis, Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

It was good enough, barely, to get within 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Friday night at Miami. The Heat haven't lost back-to-back playoff games since the 2012 conference finals against Boston, and the Pacers know they have to continue playing the way they did in Game 5 if they intend to get Game 7 back in Indy.

"Coach told me, `Green light. Stay on green.' David West kept telling me, `Don't keep no bullets in the chamber' so I really just came out firing," George said. "My teammates found me and I got hot."

Even without James going full throttle, the Heat still had a chance.

After falling into an 11-point hole early in the fourth quarter, the Big Three—James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade—rallied the Heat. James' only 3-pointer of the night tied the score at 81 with 3:51 left, and after Indiana answered with five straight, the Heat twice closed to within one in the final 1:16. They even had a chance to take the lead with 4.9 seconds left, but a 3-pointer from Bosh that would have given Miami the lead was off the mark.

Bosh finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Wade and Rashard Lewis each had 18 as the Heat went 15 of 31 on 3-pionters.

Now the Heat will get a second chance to clinch their fourth straight conference championship at home, where they've won 10 straight postseason games. The last team to reach the NBA Finals four straight times was Boston from 1984-87, and Miami is eager to make sure they don't have another trip back to Indy.

"It's the Eastern Conference Finals," James said. "There should be urgency, no matter what."

George was the personification of urgency Wednesday as he delivered the most clutch shooting performance of his young career. The 24-year-old All-Star was 12 of 19 from the field in the second half and was 5 of 14 on 3s in the game.

But the Pacers needed everything else to go right just to survive.

Source: Shelly Sterling reviewing Clippers bids

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shelly Sterling was reviewing bids from five groups interested in buying the Los Angeles Clippers, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the deal, said if an agreement to sell is reached before next Tuesday, the league's owners wouldn't meet in New York to vote on terminating Donald Sterling's ownership.

The individual wouldn't specify the interested buyers, but described them as major players with considerable financial means. The person told the AP the sale price "appears to be increasing to an unbelievable number," and that it could soar past $1.5 to $2 billion, and possibly more.

Another person familiar with the negotiations said Shelly Sterling's attorneys, bankers and others involved in the process were in a locked room reviewing the bids, which were due by 2 p.m. PDT Wednesday. The individual wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the sensitive and competitive negotiations.

Donald Sterling's attorney, Bobby Samini, said there would be no sale of the team without Donald Sterling's involvement, though he declined to say whether Sterling was involved in reviewing bids or in touch with Shelly Sterling.

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Ali'i stretches streaks to four for solo lead

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Ali'i kept its unbeaten record, following a 66-59 victory over Garapan in the second game in the 2013 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The win was Ali'i's fourth in a row, strengthening the team's hold to the top spot in Group A of the 12-team field. Ali'i leads I Love Saipan (2-0), Saipan Ice (2-1), San Roque (1-2), Pogi Problems (1-3), and Garapan (0-4).

Ivan Devero top-scored in Ali'i's fourth straight victory, firing 27 points. He dropped most of his points in the first half, helping Ali'i gain cushion over the winless Garapan. The former Marianas High School standout registered 14 points in the second quarter, including Ali'i's' last 8 markers in that period to turn a 16-deadlock after the first period to a 37-30 advantage at halftime.

Devero was held to a field goal in the third canto, but his teammates stepped up, as Ali'i kept the upperhand, 52-47, and the team hung in there in the fourth with their top scorer collecting 5 more markers and his two other teammates also contributing to the cause.

In the first game, Hite is also on a streak, bagging its second straight win after routing Digital Motion, 105-77.

Five players logged double figures for Hite, which dropped its first two matches before prevailing against Flip Top last week. 92-85. Against Digital Motion (1-4), Eugene Manglona anchored Hite's balance offense, as he nailed 22 points. Jerry Diaz chipped in 16, Dexter Tenorio and Marlon Cabrera posted 14 each, and Zack Babauta recorded 11.

Hite was only ahead by 7 after the first period, 24-17, when it broke Flip Top's back with a 34-6 scoring run the second frame. Tenorio led the breakaway, scoring 8 of his total points in the pivotal second canto, while three of his teammates added at least 6 points apiece.

With the lopsided win, Hite moved up from fifth to tie for third to fourth place in Group B with ICS Shooters (2-2). Gwap Gang leads the pool with its 3-0 slate, followed by JP World (2-1), while Flip Top (1-2) and Digital Motion (1-4) occupies the last two spots in the team standings.

First Game

Hite 105 – Manglona 22, Diaz 16, Tenorio 14, Cabrera 14, Z. Babauta 11, Montes 8, Park 8, Lauron 5, R. Babauta 4.

Digital Motion 77 – Montano 22, Umali 21, Gabaldon 14, Reyes 13, Zapanta 10, Banzagale 3.

Scoring by quarters: 24-17, 58-23, 83-58, 105-77.

Second Game

Ali'i 66 – Devero 27, De Leon 10, Velasco 9, De Dios 8, Mateo 7, Hernandez 5.

Garapan 59 – Fidelino 17, Devero 16, Castro 12, Yap 5, Chen 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 37-30, 52-47, 66-59.

Serena looks ahead after French Open loss

PARIS (AP)—The last time Serena Williams left the French Open after an early loss, in 2012, she went on to win the next two Grand Slam tournaments—and four of the next six.

So what might the tennis world see from Williams now that she was beaten in the second round at Roland Garros?

"I'm going to go home and work five times as hard," she said, "to make sure I never lose again."

Well, that last part might be far-fetched, but the point was pretty clear nonetheless: Watch out when play starts at Wimbledon next month.

Williams, seeded No. 1 in Paris and the defending champion, endured the most lopsided loss of her 288-match Grand Slam career Wednesday, beaten 6-2, 6-2 by 35th-ranked Garbine Muguruza, a 20-year-old from Spain.

It's only the third time the 32-year-old Williams has exited a major tournament before the third round. She lost to her older sister Venus in the second round of the 1998 Australian Open, and lost to Virginie Razzano in the first round of the French Open two years ago. Right after that setback, Williams began working with French coach Patrick Mouratoglou, a relationship that immediately paid dividends.

Over the rest of that season, she won Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and two gold medals at the London Olympics. Then, in 2013, Williams went 78-4 with 11 titles, including at the French Open and U.S. Open.

"She's definitely the kind of person that, when something bad happens to her, is always able to react. It's really something that she has in herself," Mouratoglou said. "When she has a bad loss or she's really down ... it's also a source of motivation for her to come back even stronger. So I have no doubt that she will tell me very soon that she wants to get ready to go back to work and win again."

Mouratoglou doesn't think Williams will enter a grass-court tournament to prepare for Wimbledon—she almost never does—but he's already got a list of things to focus on that he wrote down during the loss to Muguruza.

There were plenty of areas in which Williams was far from her best in the 64-minute match.

Her serving was only OK; she lost all five points she played at the net; she sprayed 29 unforced errors and, of more concern, only produced eight winners.

"Obviously, I'm super-disappointed and it's hard. I worked really hard. But, hey, maybe I can do better," said Williams, whose match was starting on Court Suzanne Lenglen right around the time her sister's 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 loss to 19-year-old Anna Schmiedlova of Slovakia was ending in the main stadium.

"I know for a fact I can work harder," Williams continued. "I know for a fact I can play so much better than what I did today."

The pair of losses by the siblings prevented them from playing each other in the third round at the French Open, which would have been their 25th meeting on tour - but first at a major tournament since the 2009 Wimbledon final.

Now as play continues at Roland Garros, Williams' thoughts will turn to the All England Club.

"It's great sometimes ... to get knocked down, because you have to get back up," she said. "I love getting back up. I love the challenge."

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The trend continued in the third period with Toka leading by as much as 19 on two occasions, 64-45, and 80-61, and JP World slicing the deficit to 12. Marlon Sison drilled 5 straight points to cut Toka's lead to 12, 71-59, but the former answered with a 10-2 run in the last two minutes of that period to match its biggest advantage going into the last quarter.

In the final canto, JP World players felt the sense of urgency to get their act together in the hope of mounting a big comeback. Jun Estolas, Errol Peredo, and Gyles Ruluked joined forces and they managed to bring the lead down to single digits. Still behind by 16, 77-93, with 4:54 left in the fourth, JP World nailed 7 straight points to move within 9, 84-93. Estolas had 3 straight points off a drive and a split charity from a technical foul on Preston Basa. Basa, who was caught shoving Freddie Pelisamen in the inbound play after Estolas' basket, was eventually ejected for excessive complaining. JP World's 4 other points came from Ruluked and Peredo.

With JP World threatening, Toka pressed the panic button and when the game resumed, big man Jimmy Tudela canned a rally halting basket off a pick and roll play with Marvin Rabauliman. Tudela went on to hit two more key baskets, as he did a great job moving without the ball to counter the two more field goals from Ruluked and Peredo. Tudela's third basket gave Toka another double-digit spread, 99-88, and after Estolas muffed a hurried layup, Rabauliman got away from Peredo for a layup, while Jack Lizama hit a baseline jumper in their ensuing offensive set to seal the Game 1 win.

Rabauliman led Toka with his 25 points, while Barcinas played in no relief and added 20 points besides his several steals and assists. Tudela finished with 18, while Lizama contributed 13.

Estolas top-scored for JP World with his 24 points, while Ruluked and Peredo chipped in 21 and 15, respectively. Freddie Pelisamen had a quiet 11 points, as he struggled against Toka defenders. Pelisamen, who made 34 points in their semis win over Island Manpower, made only one triple, was scoreless in the first period, and hit no more than two field goals in each of the four quarters. He also missed several free throws and often faced multiple defenders on his way to the basket.

Meanwhile, Island Manpower finished third in the tournament after edging Blue Haus in the consolation game, 77-74.

First Game

Island Manpower 77 – Capalad 16, Norita 16, Bisana 9, Kaipat 8, Standish 8, Lizama 6, Teregeyo 6, Tobias 4.

Blue Haus 74 – Talania 25, Esdrelon 18, De Dios 17, Santos 8, Barbo 3, Garcia 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-17, 42-36, 60-55, 77-74.

Second Game

Toka 107 – Rabauliman 25, Barcinas 20, Tudela 18, Lizama 13, Basa 9, Joyner 9, Caro 5, Lampkin 3.

JP World 92 – Estolas 24, Ruluked 21, Peredo 15, Pelisamen 11, Sison 7, Olaitiman 5, Paraiso 4, Manalo 3, De Guzman 2, Camacho 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-18, 49-34, 80-61, 107-92.

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West Alabama is in the Gulf South Conference with 10 other schools, including the recently crowned tournament champion Alabama Hunstville. West Alabama finished the 2014 regular season with a 27-18 record and was ranked fifth in the conference. Gary Rundles is the Tigers' head coach, while Nick McCurdy is one of the assistants and the pitching coach.

"I talked to the Alabama coach and he said that he really wants me there because he knew I can compete at a higher level. He really liked that I could throw strikes, hit spots, and execute my pitches really well," said Jones, the 2011 NMASA Male Athlete of the Year.

Before moving to Alabama, Jones played for the Colby Community College in the National Junior College Athletics Association for two years. At the Trojans he had an 11-5 career record and struck out 129 batters. He registered 3.25 ERA in his first season with Colby and improved to 2.80 in his second and last year.

"My coaches in Colby say that with my skills, I am ready to compete in the NCAA level and will pitch lots of innings for West Alabama. Playing with the Trojans got me ready for the upcoming level because I pitched a lot against NCAA Division 1 dropout players. I became a better pitcher," said Jones, who was also an outstanding student at Colby, getting straight As in eight subjects last semester.

With Jones getting ready to see action with his new team, he will not be able to suit up anew for the CNMI National Team in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei in July. The Kagman High School graduate pitched for the CNMI in the 2010 Micronesian Games, shutting out Palau in the elimination round and striking out 42 batters for an impressive 0.11 ERA.

"I would like to wish the CNMI baseball team the best of luck In the Micro Games," Jones said.

Jones also would like to thank his former coaches for helping him reach his potential.

" I would like to thank all my coaches that helped me throughout my journey. Thank you, too to my Jones family from the village of Achugao. That village is where baseball started for the family with tennis balls and homemade wooded bats, it is where memories and histories were made," the 20-year-old pitcher said.

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World Cup in Brazil. Greece is managed by Fernando Santos, who took over from Otto Rehhagel in 2010. Also four years ago, Japan tapped Alberto Zaccheroni to replace Takeshi Okada, while Sabri Lamouchi and Jose Pekerman assumed coaching position for Côte d'Ivoire and Colombia, respectively, in 2012. Lamouchi came in for Leonel Alvarez, while Pekerman replaced Francois Zahoui.

Second is their pretty similar World Cup records. Both Columbia and Japan have Round of 16 as their best finish so far in the World Cup with the latter doing so in 2002 and 2010 and the former in 1990. Greece and Côte d'Ivoire have never survived the group stage. All four teams have no more than five World Cup appearances to their credit. Japan and Columbia are on their fifth stints, while this year will just be the third for both Greece and Côte d'Ivoire.

Third, is the contrasting style of plays as these four squads came from different confederations. Côte d'Ivoire is the top-ranked team from Africa (No. 21) and is known for its power and pace. Japan, which is second in Asia at No. 47 (behind the No. 37 Iran) and just won the Asian Cup (against Australia), is a disciplined and technically sound team. Columbia, which is representing the South American zone and the second highest-ranked in its region (No. 5), has become an offense-minded squad with the arrival of of Pekerman. Tenth-ranked Greece, which is among the 13 qualifiers from the European zone (the region that has the most entries to next month's competition), is a defense-oriented squad and this strategy helped the team pull off the biggest upset in the Euro 2012, as the Greeks beat the Russians, 1-0.

As for their respective rosters, three teams are bringing in old reliables. Côte d'Ivoire has 2010 World Cup veterans Droga and Kalou, while midfielders Keisuke Honda and Shinji Kagawa are back for Japan, and Greece is fielding captain Giorgos Karagounis and forward Konstantinos Mitroglou, anew. Colombia missed the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and is bringing up a new generation of players led by Falcao, who scored nine goals in 13 games in the qualifier.

San Antonio rolls to fourth straight victory

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Two more wins this week extended San Antonio's run in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League to four.

Both victories were via routes, as San Antonio hammered Olivos Team last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, 100-79, and then crushed Puerto Rico Bento last Tuesday, 119-61. San Antonio's posted its first two triumphs against the Pelicans and defending champion Docomo Pacific.

In its latest blowout win, San Antonio went for the jugular right in the first quarter, erupting for 27 points for the early double-digit lead, 27-6. The younger and faster San Antonio crew bombarded its depleted foe with fastbreak layups and undergoal shots. Puerto Rico played without big men Kelvin Fitial and Larry Sharry and was held to two field goals in the first period. Martin Moreno and Joel Saplan had one field goals each with the former adding two more free throws in their lackluster first quarter performance.

Puerto Rico never recovered from thereon to remain winless in four games.

In the first game, TBK Mechanics also notched a double-digit winning margin against Docomo Pacific, 107-84.

TBK outgunned Docomo in the first and third quarters to improve to a 3-1 record and hand the defending champion its third loss in four games. TBK got off to a jackrabbit start, exploding for 31 points against only 20 from Docomo. Donnel Isip anchored TBK's good start, as he nailed three triples and scored 11 points in the opening canto.

In the second period, the opposing teams were pretty even with Docomo getting 24 points versus the 22 of TBK. TBK then threw more punches in the third, 24-14, to pad its lead, 75-58, while it matched almost every basket Docomo converted in the fourth to protect the twin-digit lead.

In other results in the DL Corp. caging, Island Manpower topped Maplas, 98-88; TBK downed the Pelicans, 101-93; and Shocker Nation defeated Puerto Rico, 97-84.

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San Antonio's Bryle Alegre fakes off the defense of Puerto Rico Bento's Martin Moreno during the first quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

SSC has new president

The board of directors of the Saipan Swim Club recently elected a new president in Emma Lou Perez, a Masters swimmer who has already implemented two new programs for SSC's adult swimmers.

Perez

Perez comes to the SSC from San Francisco, California, where she was very active in both pool and open water communities before moving to Saipan last November. She was both a member of Pacific Masters, swimming on the University of San Francisco team, and the San Francisco Dolphin Club, an open water swimming and boating club where she swam year round in the frigid waters off San Francisco.

The new SSC head successfully completed two English Channel relays—as a member of an all-Chamorro team and as a member of a Dolphin Club team made up of swimmers over 50 years of age. She served as swim commissioner for the Dolphin Club, organizing and running club swims in San Francisco Bay, and is an experienced trainer for English Channel solos. In addition to her new role as president and assistant coach with SSC, Perez is a certified lifeguard and teaches swimming to local adults. She is also an officer of 500 Sails, Inc., a CNMI nonprofit group that promotes traditional proa building and sailing in the Marianas.

Before becoming the club president, Perez has already introduced two programs for SSC Masters members. The first one was the Polar Bear Swim held this past winter and mimicking the Dolphin Club's program that takes place in the frigid San Francisco Bay, as well as the upcoming Summer Fun Open Water series of lagoon swims based from Pau Pau Beach.

Perez will be replacing Robert Torres as SSC president when the club starts its new season later this year.

"In welcoming Emma Perez, SSC would like to recognize our outgoing president Robert Torres. SSC would not be where we are today if it were not for the dedication and selfless contributions made by you and your family. Thank you for the countless hours you dedicated to the team and the leadership and stability to provided SSC," SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield said in a press release.

Open water series

Meanwhile, SSC will kick of its open water series wins this Sunday at Paupau Beach.

Registration runs from 7am to 7:30am. Fins, buoys, snorkels, and wetsuits are welcome, while a few kayakers/paddlers will be on the course to assist and guide swimmers.

Interested participants can join either the 1.5K or the 3.5K course. The shorter course is from the "rock" to the northern point and back to the starting line, while the 3.5K course is the "triangle" going from the rock to the northern point, then swimming with the current to the southern point beyond The Palms (but before Aqua Resort Club) and back to the starting area.

The open water series is a Masters event, but SSC youth swimmers can still join, provided they get permission from coach Jacoby Winkfield. The event is free for SSC members and certified lifeguards with proof of certification, while others must pay $5 to join the swim.

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Tsunami Saipan sends 19 swimmers to Guam meet

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Oceania Swimming Championships medalist Kensuke Kimura will lead Tsunami Saipan's campaign in the 2014 Guam Swimming Championships this weekend in Hagatna.

He will participate in his second off-island event this month about a week after winning a bronze medal in the 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships held in New Zealand. The 18-year-old swimmer finished third in the 200m backstroke after clocking in at 2:18.04 in the finals. Besides making it to the podium, Kimura also reset the CNMI national record in the event, eclipsing his own mark (2:19.12) posted on Jan. 19, 2013, during the 6th Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney. The Tsunami Saipan bet had two other record-breaking swims in New Zealand after logging 1:02.67 in the 100m backstroke event and 28.94 seconds in the 50m backstroke.

Joining Kimura in the Guam meet are Takumi Sugie, siblings Kaito, Hiroto, Ryuto, and Kenshiro Yanai, Mark Mastero, Jhota Yoshino, Juhn Tenorio, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, Hans Xu, Angel De Jesus, Angel Marie Tan, Kyona Rivera, Miku Tammy, Sophia Gauran, Aika and Nanaka Watanabe, and Ashley Dangol.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said swimmers in the 11-and-above age group are aiming more for personal best times and CNMI national and age records than winning high-point awards. For the younger swimmers, the target is to win the high-point trophy. The high-point award by totaling the participants points from all the race and points are based on the swimmer's placing in every event.

Last year, Tsunami Saipan registered five age group marks, while Sophia Gauran, Kimura, Hiroto and Ryuto Yanai, and Tammy won the high-point award, and Tenorio, Sugie and De Jesus finished in the Top 5.

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Kensuke Kimura, seen here with his bronze medal from the 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships held in New Zealand last week, will be leading Tsunami Saipan's participation to the 2014 Guam Swimming Championships this weekend.

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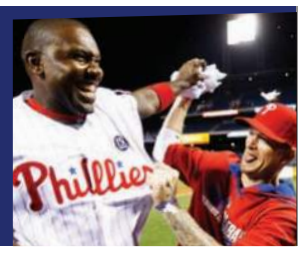

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Toka takes Game 1 of QQ title series

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Toka moved one win away from clinching the championship of the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League after downing JP World, 107-92, in Game 2 of their short title series last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Toka will try to go for a sweep when it duels JP World anew in Game 2 of the best-of-three championship showdown today at 6:30pm.

The series opener was a game of spurts with Toka prevailing after thwarting JP World's repeated rallies. Toka's first run came midway in the second period when it went on a 9-0 scoring run, turning a slim 29-28 lead to a double-digit spread, 38-28. JP World then won the next exchange, 8-2, to move within 6, 34-40, but Toka closed out with a 9-0 tear to bring the lead back to twin digits at the break, 49-34.

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Toka's Jawn Joyner, left, and Dan Barcinas team up in preventing JP World's Jorge De Guzman from making a shot under the basket during the first quarter of Game 1 of their title series in the QQ caging last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Even, open Group C

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Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) national team veteran Salomon Kalou said Group C is an open and even group.

It is, as the Les Éléphants are joined by Colombia, Greece, and Japan.

There are three main factors that make the battle for the Top 2 spots in this group an open race.

First are the coaches. All four teams have new coaches coming into next month's 2014

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Jones to play in NCAA Division II

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The CNMI's Josh Jones' collegiate baseball career is moving a notch higher, as he will next suit up for the University of West Alabama, an NCAA Division II school.

The University of West Alabama's athletics website reported that the lefty pitcher has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for the Tigers and Jones, in a message to *Saipan Tribune*, confirmed the latest development in his blossoming future in the sport.

"I signed up with University of West Alabama two weeks ago. Other schools, like the Mesa Colorado University, McPherson University, Friends University, Emporia State University, Washburn University, William Jewel University, and Northwestern Oklahoma University were also interested in me. However, I chose West Alabama because I know I have more opportunities to keep playing baseball at a higher level," Jones said.

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The CNMI's Josh Jones gets ready to pitch for Colby Community College during a game last season in Kansas. Jones is moving to Alabama to play in NCAA Division II's University of West Alabama.